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Births.

COLLMAN.—December 23, 1885, at her residence, Fern Villa, Liberty-street, South Kingston, the wife of John Collman, of a son.

DOCKER.—December 25, at Carhullen, Granville, the wife of E. B. Docker, of a son.

JONES.—December 23, at her residence, Denbigh, Grose-street, Camperdown, the wife of Edwin Jones, of a daughter.

Marriages.

ANDREW—COLVIN.—December 29, at Jamieson, St. Leonards, by the Rev. Roger M'Kinnon, John Andrew to Jessie Davidson, eldest daughter of Peter Colvin, Glasgow, Scotland. Glasgow papers please copy.

CLARKE—BRENNAN.—December 28, at Christ Church, by the Rev. Mr. Garnsey, William Clarke, of Campbell-street, Sydney, to Susannah Brennan, of Ulladulla.

MORRISON—MILLER.—December 18, at the Presbyterian Church, Palmer-street, by the Rev. J. P. Henderson, Robert Morrison, Londonderry, Ireland, to Emily Miller, Stelagee, county Tyrone, Ireland.

Deaths.

ADSHEAD.—At the residence of his parents, Carlton-crescent, Summer Hill, Ferdinand Bernasconi, the infant son of S. R. and J. E. Adshead, aged 3 months.

HUMPHRIES.—December 24, 1885, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. James Pendergast, Stanley-street, Newtown, David Humphries, in his 76th year, leaving a large family and circle of friends to mourn their loss. Inserted by his loving daughter, Emma Humphries. May his soul rest in peace.

PITT.—November 15, at 15, Greenfield-road, Beinise Park, London, the dearly beloved wife of J. W. Pitt.

POLLARD.—December 26, 1885, at her parents' residence, Gladstone-terrace, Pine-street, Darlington, Jessie, the beloved infant daughter of Robert and Fenella Pollard, aged 11 weeks.

RADFORD.—November 19, at Brougham-street, Glebe, Sidney, the only beloved son of Charles and Annie Radford, aged 4½ years.

SPEIRS.—December 30, at her parents' residence, Redfern, Harriet Beatrice Ann, the beloved infant daughter of John and Emily Speirs, aged 8 months.

WALDING.—December 30, at the residence of Mr. John L. Castner, Manly, John Walding, aged 67.

In Memoriam.

JACOBS.—December 31, 1884, George Robert Jacobs, of Cook's River, in his 46th year.

Shipping.

UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND, Limited.

SAN FRANCISCO ROYAL MAIL SERVICE.

Overland Route to England via San Francisco and New York, calling at Auckland and Honolulu.

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Steamer.	Leave Sydney.	Arrive San Francisco.
Alameda ...	31st Dec., at 4 p.m.	25th January, 1886.
Mariposa ...	28th January, 1886	22nd February.
Mararoa ...	25th February ...	22nd March.
Alameda ...	25th March ...	19th April.
Mariposa ...	22nd April ...	17th May.

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Passengers destined to any part of the United States, or the provinces, procure their railroad ticket at San Francisco.

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All heavy baggage must be alongside by 3 o'clock sharp.

FREDERICK W. JACKSON,
Manager.

R. M. S. ALAMEDA, FOR SAN FRANCISCO, VIA AUCKLAND AND HONOLULU.

ALL ACCOUNTS against this vessel must be rendered, in triplicate, at the office of the undersigned, not later than 10 a.m., TO-DAY, Thursday, otherwise they will not be recognised.

FREDK. W. JACKSON,
Manager.

ORIENT LINE OF STEAMERS.

NEW SOUTH WALES AND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONTRACT MAIL SERVICE.

The following Royal Mail Steamships, belonging to the ORIENT COMPANY and the PACIFIC COMPANY, will leave SYDNEY at 1 p.m. on the undermentioned dates, for PLYMOUTH and LONDON, via Melbourne, Adelaide, Diego Garcia (at company's option), the Suez Canal, calling at Naples:—

Ships.	Tons	Date.	Ships.	Tons	Date.
POTOSI ...	4267	Jan. 2	AUSTRAL ...	5588	Mar. 13
ORIENT ...	5386	Jan. 16	CUZCO ...	3849	Mar. 27
GARONNE ...	3876	Jan. 30	LIGURIA ...	4688	Apl. 10
SORATA ...	4059	Feb. 13	IBERIA ...	4702	Apl. 24
JOHN ELDER ...	4182	Feb. 27	CHIMBORAZO ...	3847	May 8

and fortnightly thereafter.

SALOON PASSENGERS allowed to break their journey.

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Steamer has the option of taking them by measurement, charging 2s 6d per cubic foot, or fraction of a foot.

EMBARKATION OF PASSENGERS' LUGGAGE PER R.M.S. POTOSI.—Steam tender will leave No. 2 Jetty, Circular Quay, to convey passengers' luggage on board, at 3 p.m. TO-DAY, Thursday. Free passes can be obtained at this office.

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DIRECT STEAM COMMUNICATION FROM SYDNEY TO MARSEILLES, via MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, MAURITIUS, and SUEZ CANAL.

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Steamers under postal contract with the Government of France.

The service is carried on by powerful steamers of 4000 tons and 3000 effective h.p., built expressly for the Australian and New Caledonian line, which will be despatched as follows:—

Steamer	Commander.	Leave Sydney at NOON.	Leave Melbourne at 1 p.m.
OCEANIEN ...	Didier ...	—	January 2, 1886
SYDNEY ...	Pellegrin ...	Jan. 26	Jan. 30
SALAZIE ...	Bullard ...	Feb. 23	Feb. 27

and thenceforth every 28 days.

Rates of passage money to Marseilles from £23 to £65, including table wine and the Suez Canal dues on passengers.

RETURN TICKETS issued at the following rates:—

	1st class.	2nd class.	3rd class.
Available 9 months ...	£105 ...	£84 ...	£40
Available 12 months ...	115 ...	92 ...	45

N.B.—Passengers' luggage conveyed free of cost from Marseilles to London. For freight, passage, and further particulars, apply at the Company's Office, 15, Macquarie-place.

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S.S. SYDNEY, 4380 tons,
L. PELLEGRIN, L.V., Commander,

will be despatched to Noumea from the M. M. Company's Wharf, Circular Quay, ON OR ABOUT SATURDAY, the 2nd January, 1886.

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MARITIMES
S.S. SYDNEY,
from MARSEILLES,
connecting with the steamers
CHANZY, from Antwerp,
LEROY LALLIER, from Bordeaux,
and
MATAPAN, from Havre and London.

CONSIGNEES of Goods by the above steamers are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for Circular Quay. The steamer will not be responsible for loss or damage to cargo after it is landed.

All goods for which no entries have been passed will, immediately after they are landed, in terms of the Customs Regulation Act, to cart to bond under Customs supervision, and stored there at the risk and expense of consignees until perfect entries are passed.

Bills of lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any goods can be delivered.

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The magnificent Steamers AUSTRALIA and ZEALANDIA will leave SYDNEY for SAN FRANCISCO DIRECT, via Honolulu, as under, without transhipment.

Steamer.	Tons.	Date of Departure.
AUSTRALIA ...	3200	Tuesday, 26th January, 10 a.m.
ZEALANDIA ...	3200	Wednesday, 24th Feb., 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIA ...	3200	Wednesday, 24th March, 4 p.m.
ZEALANDIA ...	3200	Thursday, 22nd April, 4 p.m.

And Monthly thereafter.

Passengers are booked to San Francisco or through to European destination with special advantages, and have at San Francisco choice of the unrivalled Atlantic Steamship Lines of the Cunard, Inman, White Star, or other companies.

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FIRST-CLASS £86

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Passengers proceeding eastward can connect with the steamers of the Pacific Mail S.S. Company, leaving ports in China and Japan for San Francisco.

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GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.,
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DIRECT SERVICE TO ENGLAND.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Company's Steamships (under contract with the Victorian Government for the Conveyance of H. M. Mails) will be despatched as under from the Company's Wharf, at the Circular Quay, DIRECT TO PLYMOUTH and LONDON, viâ Colombo, calling at Melbourne, Glenelg, and King George's Sound:—

Steamer.	Tons.	Date.	Steamer.	Tons.	Date.
Massilia ...	4908	Jan. 8	Shannon ...	4189	Mar. 19
Valetta ...	4911	Jan. 22	Parramatta ...	4750	April 2
Victoria ...	4488	Feb. 5	Sutlej ...	4194	April 14
Coromandel ...	4500	Feb. 19	Kaisar-i-Hind ...	4023	April 30
Rome ...	5013	Mar. 5			

and thenceforth every alternate week.

Rates of Passage Money to Plymouth or London:—£70 first and £40 second class.

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The British-India Company, being under postal contract with the Queensland Government for the Conveyance of Mails monthly between Queensland and England, the following magnificent steam ships will be despatched from Brisbane for London, viâ North Queensland ports, Batavia, Aden, and the Suez Canal:—

DUKE OF ARGYLL, 3115 tons, Captain J. C. Cox, TUESDAY, 12th January, 1886.
DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, 3726 tons, Captain J. Waterman, TUESDAY, 26th January, 1886.
MERKARA, 2971 tons, Captain G. Phillips, TUESDAY, 23rd February, 1886.

Passengers by this route have the advantage of visiting the Queensland ports, and can leave Sydney by any of the steamers of the Queensland Steam Shipping Company, embarking on board the British-India steamer at Brisbane, Townsville, Cooktown, or Thursday Island.

The magnificent scenery, smooth-water passage, and the frequent opportunities afforded to travellers to break the monotony of a long sea voyage by visiting Batavia and other interesting ports of call, offer great inducements to passengers.

The steamers are fitted with all the latest improvements, and the accommodation and table attendance is unrivalled.

The agents now issue passenger tickets on the following moderate scale:—

Saloon, Sydney to London	£53	0	0
*Second Class	36	10	0
*Third Class	20	0	0
Saloon, return (available for 12 months) ...	85	0	0

Through passages issued to Padang, Samarang, Sourabaya, Macassar, Singapore, and other ports in the Eastern Archipelago, exchanging at Batavia to the fine steamers of the Netherlands-India S. N. Company.

*Should sufficient inducement offer.

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The splendid steamer

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3115 tons, 3000 h.p.e.
S. J. COX, Commander,

will be despatched on 6th January, 1886, for London, viâ Torres Straits.

Wool shippers will please complete shipments as early as possible.

For freight, &c., apply

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WOOL received at Flood and Co.'s.

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The splendid steamer KHANDALLA, 2040 tons, R. D. Dougharty commander, will be despatched as above on or about 16th JANUARY, 1886.

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QUEENSLAND STEAM SHIPPING COMPANY, Limited.

The STEAMERS of this Company will be despatched from the Company's Wharf, foot of Margaret-street, to the undermentioned Ports, as follows:—

	ARCHER.	WARREGO.	MARANOA.
BRISBANE, &c.	January 6.	January 13.	January 20.
a MARYBOROUGH	ditto	ditto	ditto
a BUNDABERG	ditto	ditto	ditto
b ROCKHAMPTON.	ditto	ditto	ditto
b MACKAY ...	ditto	ditto	ditto
ROWEN ...	ditto	ditto	ditto
TOWNSVILLE ...	ditto	ditto	ditto
c DUNGENESS ...	ditto	ditto	ditto
c MOURILYAN ...	ditto	ditto	ditto
cJOHNSTONE RIV.	ditto	ditto	ditto
CAIRNS ...	ditto	ditto	ditto
PORT DOUGLAS ...	ditto	ditto	ditto
COOKTOWN ...	ditto	ditto	ditto
THURSDY. ISLND. NORMANTON	MARANOA, January 20, transhipping at Cooktown.		

a Passengers for Maryborough and Bundaberg transhipped at Brisbane.

b Passengers and perishable Cargo taken from Rockhampton for transhipment at Keppel Bay.

b Passengers for Mackay transhipped at Flat Top Island.

c Passengers and cargo for Dungeness, Cardwell, Mourilyan Harbour, and Johnstone River transhipped at Townsville.

Passengers booking on board will be charged 5s extra.

Cargo received daily and up to 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Steerage passengers victualled and supplied with bedding.

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QUEENSLAND STEAM SHIPPING COMPANY, Limited.

The fine, steamship

ARCHER,
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will be despatched for BRISBANE, ROCKHAMPTON (passengers only), MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, and COOKTOWN, taking passengers for Maryborough and Bundaberg, for transhipment at Brisbane and for Dungeness, Cardwell, Mourilyan Harbour, and Johnstone River, for transhipment at Townsville,

WEDNESDAY, at 10 a.m.

Cargo will be received at the wharf till 6 o'clock TUESDAY EVENING.

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For LAUNCESTON, viâ EDEN:
S. CORINNA, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 10 a.m.

For HOBART, viâ EDEN:
S. FLORA, MONDAY, 4th January, at 4 p.m.

No cargo received within one hour of sailing.

T. and W. WILLIS, Agents,
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TASMANIAN STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

SUMMER EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS are now being issued, available for three months, to and from

HOBART—Saloon, £7; Steerage, £5
LAUNCESTON—Saloon, £6; Steerage, £4.

FOR HOBART—S. FLORA, 4th and 18th January.
FOR LAUNCESTON—S. CORINNA, 31st December, at 10 a.m.

School Children travelling to school, or proceeding for their holidays, upon production of certificate from Principal of the School at which they are attending, can obtain Return Tickets at Single Fares.

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SUMMER EXCURSION, EDEN LINE.

The TASMANIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY will issue Return Tickets at Single Fares between EDEN AND SYDNEY, available from 15th December, 1885, to 15th January, 1886.

T. and W. WILLIS, Agents.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S. S. COMPANY, Limited.

STEAM TO
SINGAPORE and HONGKONG,
taking cargo also for
THURSDAY ISLAND, PORT DARWIN, JAVA,
AND PORTS IN STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
and calling en route at
Brisbane, Mackay, Townsville, and Cooktown.

The new and powerful steamship

GUTHRIE, 2500 tons,
S. G. Green, commander,

will be despatched from the Company's Wharf, Miller's Point, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, at 4 p.m.

For freight or passage, apply to

GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., Agents.

CARGO NOW BEING RECEIVED.

THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY intend despatching their steamers to the following ports, viz.:—

MELBOURNE ...	Elamang ...	...	Saturday, noon
Ditto ...	Clarus ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
ADELAIDE (direct)	Steamer ...	...	Early
NOUMEA (Wharf) ...	Victoria ...	...	Wednesday, 5 p.m.
SUVA (Fiji) ...	Victoria ...	...	Wednesday, 5 p.m.
LEVUKA (Fiji) ...	Victoria ...	...	Wednesday, 5 p.m.
BRISBANE ...	Ranelagh ...	...	Saturday, 10 a.m.
Ditto ...	Quiraing ...	...	Saturday, 1 p.m.
Ditto ...	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Ditto ...	Ly-ee-Moon ...	...	Wednesday, noon.
MARYBOROUGH ...	Ranelagh ...	...	Saturday, 10 a.m.
BUNDABERG ...	Quiraing ...	...	Saturday, 1 p.m.
GLADSTONE ...	Steamer ...	...	Early
ROCKHAMPTON ...	Ranelagh ...	...	Saturday, 10 a.m.
Ditto ...	Quiraing ...	...	Saturday, 1 p.m.
Ditto ...	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Ditto ...	Ly-ee-Moon ...	...	Wednesday, noon.
PORT MACKAY ...	Quiraing ...	...	Saturday, 1 p.m.
Ditto ...	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
BOWEN ...	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
TOWNSVILLE ...	Quiraing ...	...	Saturday, 1 p.m.
Ditto ...	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Ditto ...	Ly-ee-Moon ...	...	Wednesday, noon.
DUNGENESS ...	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
CARDWELL ...	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
MOURILYAN ...	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
JOHNSTONE RIVER	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
CAIRNS ...	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Ditto ...	Ly-ee-Moon ...	...	Wednesday, noon.
CAIRNS WHARF ...	Quiraing ...	...	Saturday, 1 p.m.
PORT DOUGLAS ...	Quiraing ...	...	Saturday, 1 p.m.
Ditto ...	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Ditto ...	Ly-ee-Moon ...	...	Wednesday, noon
COOKTOWN ...	Burrimba ...	...	Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Ditto ...	Ly-ee-Moon ...	...	Wednesday, noon
THURSDAY ISL. NORMANTON BURRETOWN	City of Melbourne ...	...	Saturday, 9th Jan., 1 p.m.

FORE-CABIN FARES REDUCED TO FIFTEEN SHILLINGS.

Fore-cabin passengers are provided with bedding and victualled.

Passengers' tickets issued on board steamers will be charged 5s extra.

Return Saloon Tickets available six months.

Passengers by this line are taken to the wharf at Melbourne, not transhipped in the bay.

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WM. HOWARD SMITH and SONS' (Ltd.) LINE of FAST INTERCOLONIAL STEAMERS.

The undermined will despatch their STEAMERS (when practicable) as follows, from STRUTH'S WHARF and the NEW WHARF, foot of KING-STREET:—

FOR MELBOURNE.

CABO ...	W. Donaldson	TO-MORROW, Jan. 1, 10 a.m.
LEURA ...	J. Pain	SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 11 a.m.
KONGOWARRA ...	J. Toner	TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 12 noon.
WINYONG ...	J. R. Joy	FRIDAY, Jan. 8, 12 noon.

FOR CIRCULAR HEAD, EMU BAY, TABLE CAPE, RIVER MERSEY, &c., Tasmania.

LEURA ...	J. Pain ...	SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 11 a.m.

FOR ADELAIDE (Via MELBOURNE).

KONGOWARRA ...	J. Toner ...	TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 12 noon.
CHEVIOT ...	J. Strickland ...	TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 12 noon.

FOR BRISBANE.

BARRABOOL ...	H. B. Bristow	SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
BURWAH ...	J. South ...	TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 4 p.m.
LEURA ...	J. Pain ...	SATURDAY, Jan. 9, 1 p.m.

FOR MARYBOROUGH.

BARRABOOL ...	H. B. Bristow	SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
BURWAH ...	J. South ...	TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 4 p.m.
LEURA ...	J. Pain ...	SATURDAY, Jan. 9, 1 p.m.

FOR ROCKHAMPTON.

BARRABOOL ...	H. B. Bristow	SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
BURWAH ...	J. South ...	TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 4 p.m.
LEURA ...	J. Pain ...	SATURDAY, Jan. 9, 1 p.m.

FOR MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, DUNGENESS, CARDWELL, MOURILYAN HARBOUR, GERALDTON, RUSSELL RIVER, and PLANTATION CREEK.

BARRABOOL ...	H. B. Bristow	SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 1 p.m.

Cargo received for above ports every day. Fore-cabin passengers supplied with bedding and victualled free.

All passengers' tickets issued on board the steamers will be charged 5s in excess of the ordinary rate.

Return tickets are available for six months.

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The magnificent new steel steamship

GABO, 3000 tons
Commander W. Donaldson,

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The attention of the public is invited to this splendid vessel (sister ship to the Buninyong), which is one of the largest steamers owned in Australia. Full advantage has been taken of latest improvements in passenger steamships to make the GABO one of the most comfortable and luxurious vessels on the Australian coast.

Her SALOON occupies the full width of the ship; the large STATEROOMS contain only TWO BERTHS each; the ELECTRIC LIGHT is fitted throughout, and her roomy deck affords a commodious promenade for passengers.

For freight and passage, apply to

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STEAM TO BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, DUNGENESS, CARDWELL, MOURILYAN HARBOUR, GERALDTON, RUSSELL RIVER, and PLANTATION CREEK.

The fast and favourite
S.S. BARRABOOL

will be despatched from the NEW WHARF, foot of King-street, for the above ports, transhipping at Brisbane,

SATURDAY, January 2, at 1 p.m.

No goods received for shipment after 12 o'clock noon.

The undersigned have now arranged the movements of their steamers so that passengers for Queensland can call successively at all Northern Ports as far as Townsville. Steamers leaving Brisbane on Wednesdays call at MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, and TOWNSVILLE, landing passengers and cargo at Town Wharves.

For freight and passage apply to

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70, York-street.

WEEKLY STEAM SERVICE TO ADELAIDE.

The undersigned beg to announce that they have arranged to commence in December a WEEKLY STEAM SERVICE between SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, and ADELAIDE (without transhipment),

PASSENGERS for Adelaide will be allowed to break the journey at Melbourne; and RETURN TICKETS will be available for SIX MONTHS.

CARGO between above ports will not now be subjected to transhipment.

The favourite steamer KONGOWARRA will leave TUESDAY, January 5, 12 noon, and other Steamers will leave Sydney every TUESDAY regularly.

For freight or passage, apply

WM. HOWARD SMITH and SONS, Limited.

STEAM TO MELBOURNE and GEELONG.—The undersigned will despatch their steamers from their wharf as under (when practicable):—

FOR MELBOURNE.

CORANGAMITE ...	P. Le Neven ...	SATURDAY, January 2, at 11 a.m.
WENDOUREE ...	J. A. Roberts ...	WEDNESDAY, January 6, at noon.
BURRUMBEET ...	W. H. Emmerson	SATURDAY, January 9, at noon.
NEMESIS	W. F. Deary ...	TUESDAY, January 12, at noon.

FOR GEELONG.

WENDOUREE ...	J. A. Roberts ...	WEDNESDAY, January 6, at noon.
NEMESIS	W. F. Deary ...	TUESDAY, January 12, at noon.

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The two largest steamships engaged in the intercolonial trade, Will sail from Huddart, Parker's Wharf on SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd, at 11 a.m.

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Saloon, £5; return, £3 10s. Fore cabin, 15s.
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WAKATIPU, 1797 tons, about MONDAY, January 4th, for Wellington, Lyttelton, and Port Chalmers, transhipping to outports.

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FREDK. W. JACKSON, Manager.

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WOLLONGONG—
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 11 p.m.
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Thursday, 6 p.m. Cargo, 5 p.m.

CLYDE RIVER—
Thursday, 6 p.m. Cargo, 5 p.m.

BATEMAN'S BAY—
Thursday, 6 p.m. Cargo, 5 p.m.

MORUYA—
Friday, 11 p.m.

MERIMBULA—
Wednesday, noon. Cargo, 11 a.m.
Saturday, noon. Cargo, 11 a.m.

TATHRA (FOR BEGA)—
Wednesday, noon. Cargo, 11 a.m.
Saturday, noon. Cargo, 11 a.m.

EDEN—
Wednesday, noon. Cargo, 11 a.m.
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CABIN TICKETS at a SINGLE FARE for the DOUBLE JOURNEY will be issued by this Company, available between Sydney and the undermentioned ports, viz.:—

WOLLONGONG, KIAMA, and SHOALHAVEN, from MONDAY, 21st December, to TUESDAY, 5th January; ULLADULLA, CLYDE, BATEMAN'S BAY, and MORUYA, from FRIDAY, 18th December, to TUESDAY, 19th January; MERIMBULA, TATHRA, and EDEN, from SATURDAY, 19th December, to WEDNESDAY, 13th January. All the above dates inclusive.

Passengers are victualled free of charge.

NEWCASTLE, MORPETH, RAYMOND TERRACE, &c.

HUNTER RIVER NEW S. N. CO.'S STEAMERS, from Wharf, foot of Market-street, Sydney.

THIS NIGHT, THURSDAY, at 11, the MAITLAND
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Cargo for Newcastle, Morpeth, Raymond Terrace, and Clarence Town received and forwarded EVERY DAY.

Goods will not be received after 4 p.m.

Cabins and berths can be secured at the Company's office, 147, Sussex-street, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.; also at the Branch Office, 353, George-street, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Parcels will be received and booked, and small packages of luggage may be left at the Branch Office up to 5 p.m.

F. J. THOMAS, Manager.

Offices { 353, George-street. 147, Sussex-street.

STEAM TO AND FROM NEWCASTLE.

PASSENGER TRIPS NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS,

per
HUNTER RIVER NEW STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMERS.

Date.	From Sydney.	From Newcastle.
Thursday, 31st Dec., 11 p.m.	Maitland	Namoi
Friday, 1st January ,,	Namoi	Maitland
Saturday, 2nd January ,,	Maitland	Namoi
Sunday, 3rd January ,,	Namoi	Maitland

F. J. THOMAS, Manager.

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Wharf—Foot of Market-street.

NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Limited.

STEAM to NEWCASTLE, MORPETH, and RAYMOND TERRACE.

From Lime-street Wharf, foot of Erskine-street:
THIS NIGHT, THURSDAY, at 11, the NEWCASTLE.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY NIGHT, at 11, the SYDNEY.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The S.S. SYDNEY will leave Newcastle for Sydney on SUNDAY NIGHT, at 11.

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H. D. PORTUS, Manager.

NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

This Company's favourite fast passenger Steamers will make the following night trips:—

Day.	Date.	From Sydney.	From Newcastle.
Thursday, 11 p.m.	Dec. 31	The Newcastle	The Sydney
Friday, 11 p.m.	Jan. 1	The Sydney	The Newcastle
Saturday, 11 p.m.	,, 2	The Newcastle	
Sunday, 11 p.m.	,, 3		The Sydney
Monday, 11 p.m.	,, 4	The Sydney	The Newcastle

Berths can be secured either by letter or telegram, or on personal application at Sydney Offices, Lime-street Wharf and York-street, next Opera House, and at the Newcastle Offices, Scott-street and Steamers' Wharf.

H. D. PORTUS,
Manager.

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SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY,
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Cargo received at the Victoria Wharf.

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Reopening of the
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TREMENDOUS SUCCESS.
HOUSE CROWDED. HUNDREDS TURNED AWAY.
The Old Favourite,
Mr. DAMPIER,
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But one opinion expressed—That the XMAS PRODUCTION was a PRONOUNCED SUCCESS.
Mr. Dampier in his Wonderful Creation, CALEB PLUMMER.
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THIS EVENING and EVERY EVENING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, the GREAT CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION,
THE CRICKET ON THE HEARTH,
A Fairy Tale of Home.
New Scenery by Kinchela.
Mechanical Effects by W. Renno.

NOTICE.—The hundreds of patrons unable to gain admittance on Saturday and Monday evenings are informed that their tickets are available for any evening this week.
Box Office, Nicholson and Co.
Tickets for all parts of the Theatre may be had at Cole's Book Arcade.
Manager for Mr. Dampier ... ... FRED. GUNTHER.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.

Lessee and Manager ... Mr. M. L. Raphael.
Stage Manager ... ... Mr. D'Arcy Stanfield.

CROWDED HOUSES NIGHTLY.
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MOTHER GOOSE The Great Drury Lane
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THE SPLENDID TRANSFORMATION SCENE.
THE COMIC HARLEQUINADE.
ALLPRESS'S CHAMPION ORCHESTRA.
THE DONKEY-CART.
THE PANORAMA OF SYDNEY.
PORTRAITS OF LORD AND LADY CARRINGTON.

Prices of Admission—Stalls, 3s; parquette, 2s; gallery, 1s.
Reserved stalls at Nicholson's, 4s.
Doors open at 7.15, overture at 8 sharp.
H. TREVORAH, Business Manager.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

GRAND SCOTCH CONCERT,

PROTESTANT HALL,

NEW YEAR'S NIGHT,

1st January, 1886.

PROGRAMME.
Part I.

1. Quartette—"A Guid New Year" Company.
2. Part Song—"Charlie is my Darling" ... Musical Union.
3. Song—"The Scotch Brigade" ... Mr. A. Edward.
4. Song—"Within a Mile o' Edinboro' Toon" ... Mrs. C. B. Foster.
5. Recitation—"A Scotch Teaparty" Mr. J. Prentice.
6. Duet—"Stars of the Summer Night" Miss M'Luckie and Mr. Finlayson.
7. Song—"Scottish Blue Bells" ... Mrs. Innes.
8. Part Song—"O, Hush Thee, my Baby" ... Musical Union.
9. Song—"The Macgregor's Gathering" ... Mr. J. Finlayson.
10. Scotch Reel ... Miss Shaw, Miss M'Rae, Masters Bethune & M'Rae

Part II.

1. Sailor's Hornpipe ... Masters A. and W. M'Rae.
2. Part Song—"John Anderson, my Jo" ... Musical Union.
3. Song—"Wandering Willie" ... Miss M'Luckie.
4. Song, humorous—"Imph-m" ... Mr. A. Edward.
5. Song—"I lo'ed na a Laddie but Ane" ... Mrs. Innes.
6. Recitation—"Tibbie and her Bowl" ... Mr. J. Prentice.
7. Duet—"Oh, Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast" ... Mrs. Innes and Miss M'Luckie.
8. Song—"The Song for Me" ... Mrs. C. B. Foster.
9. Part Song—"The Bonnie Woods o' Craigielee" ... Musical Union.
10. Sword Dance ... Masters J. Munro and J. Hamilton.

"AULD LANG SYNE,"
and "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN,"
Company and Audience.

Tickets, 3s, 2s, and 1s.

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JNO. GOWANS,
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A Grand Scottish Social ENTERTAINMENT will be held in the Carrington Hotel, Castlereagh-street, on NEW YEAR'S NIGHT, commencing at 8.15. Admission, double ticket, 5s, to be had at the door. J. M'MILLAN, Hon. Sec.

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by the
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in Recognition of her Great Talent.

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THE OPENING CEREMONIAL WAS GRACED
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DISTINGUISHED PRESENCE
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DISTINGUISHED LAITY,
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At the Concert given on the brilliant occasion
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The PERFECTION SMITH ORGAN
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Amusement for All, Young and Old.
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IRISH JIG
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CLARA CROSBIE, aged 12 years,
will explain to the public how she was lost in the Bush, and lived for
THREE WEEKS WITHOUT FOOD.

New Scriptural Group,
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Curios from the late Soudan War.

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Moruya, Thursday and Friday; Bateman's Bay, Saturday; Belligen, Monday; Milton, Wednesday and Thursday.

TATTERSALL'S HALL, Hunter-street, Disengaged for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Splendid decorated. Free use Piano. Gas and 400 seats. Apply to Mr. BRAUN, Tattersall's Bazaar, Hunter-street.

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MAJERONI and WILSON'S DRAMATIC COMPANY,
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Come and see
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THE GREATEST PERFORMANCE IN THE WORLD,
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BELMORE PARK.
Come and see our Graceful Lady Equestrians.
Come and see
OUR BUCKJUMPING PONY.
TO-NIGHT, TO-NIGHT.

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ADMISSION: Circle, 4s; Stalls, 3s; Pit, 2s.

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Doors open 2 p.m., commencing 2.30 p.m.
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ANNUAL RACE MEETING.
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and
SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY,

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His Excellency the GOVERNOR, LORD CARRINGTON, LADY CARRINGTON, and Suite, have signified their intention of BEING PRESENT.

Under the Management of the Committee of Tattersall's Club.

FIRST DAY—NEW YEAR'S DAY.
To start at 1 p.m.
The Hurdle Race, 19 entries
The Flying Handicap, 54 entries.

LUNCHEON.

The Selling Race, 24 entries
TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP, 43 acceptors
Tattersall's Two-year-old Stakes, 22 acceptors
The Ladies' Bracelet, 37 entries.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY.
To start at 1 p.m.
The New Year's Gift, 64 entries
The Selling Race, 27 entries.

LUNCHEON.

THE CARRINGTON STAKES, 50 acceptors
Two-year-old Selling Race, 21 entries
The Steeplechase, 24 entries
The Free Handicap, 48 entries.

Members may obtain Ladies' Tickets on application to the undersigned.
Professional Trainers may obtain Tickets for themselves and their Jockeys on application to the undersigned before 4 p.m. THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 31st December.
Pass-out Checks will not be issued.

The Band of the N.S.W. Artillery (by kind permission of Colonel Roberts and officers) will play on the lawn each day.
Trams and 'buses will run to the course every few minutes.

All persons driving to the course are particularly requested to obey the orders of the Transit Commissioners with regard to the disposal of their vehicles.
ANY HORSE or HORSES FOUND LOOSE WILL BE IMPOUNDED, and the OWNER CHARGED £1 STERLING PER HORSE before they are released.
The NEW OFFICIAL STAND WILL BE OPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE CLUB FREE for NEW YEAR'S DAY.
All HANSOM CABS and VANS, having been driven into the Grounds, and the passengers delivered, must be placed and KEPT at the station provided for them, and the HORSES tied up in the horse-paddocks. NOTE.—THIS REGULATION WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.
NO RACEHORSES except those engaged in the races of the day will be allowed in the SADDLING PADDOCK.
PASSENGERS by TRAMWAY will please note that a separate Ticket Office and Entrance to the Saddling Paddock has been placed at the CORNER next the COURSE. By using it the crush at the entrance for passengers by vehicle will be avoided.

Persons desirous of purchasing Tickets in town for the Saddling Paddock can obtain same from GIBBS, SHALLARD, and CO., Pitt-street.
A. J. C. Rules and By-laws.

By order, JAMES PERRY,
Secretary Tattersall's Club,
Pitt-street.

SYDNEY TURF CLUB.

Registered under A. J. C. Rules.

ANNIVERSARY DAY,
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1886.

RANDWICK COURSE.

THE HURDLE RACE.
A Handicap Sweepstakes of 3 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added. Second horse 10 sovs. from the prize. Two miles.

THE FLYING HANDICAP.
A Handicap Sweepstakes of 3 sovs. each for starters, with 100 sovs. added. Second horse 10 sovs. from the prize. Six furlongs.

THE JANUARY STAKES.
Of 150 sovs., for two-year-old. Weights—colts, 8st. 2lb.; fillies and geldings, 8st. The winner to be sold for 200 sovs.; 5lb. allowed for every reduction of 25 sovs. on selling price down to nil. Five furlongs.

THE ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP.
A Handicap Sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each, half forfeit, or entrance-fee only if declared by day of general entry, with 500 sovs. added; second horse 100 sovs., and third 50 sovs. from the prize. The winner of any handicap of the value of 100 sovs. after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lb.; of 200 sovs., 7lb.; of 500 sovs., 10lb. penalty. The half-forfeit to be declared and paid before 4 p.m. on SATURDAY, January 23, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake. One mile and three furlongs. Entries closed.

THE SELLING PLATE.
Of 150 sovs. Weights—3 years, 8st. 12lb.; 4 years, 9st. 10lb.; 5 years, 6 years, and aged, 9st. 13lb. The winner to be sold for 150 sovs.; 7lb. allowed for every reduction of 25 sovs. in price down to nil. One mile.

THE LADIES' PRIZE.
Of 100 sovs., for three-year-olds and upwards, "to be nominated by ladies." Second horse 20 sovs. from the prize. Welter handicap; the winner of any handicap after the declaration of the weights to carry 10lb. penalty; lowest weight, 9st. 7lb.; to be ridden by amateurs approved of by the committee. One mile and a quarter.

The General ENTRIES for the above meeting are to be made with the Secretary of S. T. C. or V. R. C. on or before 4 p.m. on MONDAY, 4th January, 1886.
Handicaps to be declared on or before MONDAY, 18th January, 1886.
Entrance, one sovereign for each race.
A. J. C. Rules.

T. S. CLIBBORN, Sec. S. T. C.,
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RANDWICK RACES, RANDWICK.

NEW YEAR'S DAY and SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1886.

HAWKES and CO. will be pleased to book orders for landaus, drags, 'bus waggonettes, sociables, phaetons, single and double buggies, and saddle hacks for above events. Good horses and steady drivers. Come early; our list filling fast.

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Hunter and Castlereagh streets.
L. BRAUN, Manager.

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E. M. FARRELL, Secretary.

FOLEY'S SYDNEY GYMNASIUM,
at the rear White Horse Hotel, George-street,
WRESTLING MATCH FOR £50.
H. M. CANSDELL, Instructor of Foley's Sydney Gymnasium,
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MARTIN M'CAFFERY, of America,
on FRIDAY EVENING, January 1, at 8 o'clock.
Admission, 2s 6d.

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A guid new year to ane and a'.

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Under the management of Messrs.
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Lessee ... Mr. Sam. Lazar. Treasurer ... Geo. L. Goodman.
Stage Manager ... ... Mr. John Wallace.
Musical Director ... ... Mr. W. H. Harrison.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

EVERY EVENING, at a quarter to 8,
THE MOST GORGEOUS PANTOMIME
EVER PRODUCED IN SYDNEY.
AN ENTIRELY NEW VERSION
Of the Old Fairy Story,
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HER SISTERS, HER SORROWS, AND
HER LITTLE GLASS SLIPPER;
or,
THE FAIRY GODMOTHER
who wouldn't let
THE BAD STEP-FA(R)THER.
A GREAT BURLESQUE COMPANY,
Comprising an array of Operatic and Dramatic Talent never before engaged in any Xmas production.
THE MAGNIFICENT SCENERY
By GEO. GORDON
The Numerous ELEGANT and COSTLY COSTUMES,
The HANDSOME FAIRY CARRIAGE,
BEAUTIFUL PONIES,
and other splendid appointments,
THE WELL-SELECTED MUSIC,
and the
REALLY HUMOROUS HARLEQUINADE,
THE THEME OF ADMIRATION.

N.B.—The hundreds of patrons who were unable to gain admission the last few evenings are respectfully informed that their tickets are available for any night during the week.
Admission: Dress circle, 5s; stalls, 3s; family circle, 2s.
Tickets for all parts of the house at Eastway's Hotel. Box plan open at the Theatre daily from 10 till 5.

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THIS DAY, 31st DECEMBER.

SURREY UNITED CRICKET CLUB
versus
VICTORIAN JUNIOR ELEVEN.

Gates open at 9 o'clock a.m.
Play to commence at 10 a.m. sharp.

Admission to Ground 6d, Stand 6d extra.

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Office, 99, Elizabeth-street.

INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET MATCH.

VICTORIA v. NEW SOUTH WALES.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S GROUND.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
1st and 2nd January.

11 of VICTORIA JUNIOR PLAYERS,
v.
18 METROPOLITAN JUNIORS.

BAND ENGAGED.

Gates open at 10.30.

PLAY AT NOON.

PASS CHECKS ISSUED
between 1 and 2 o'clock.

SPECIAL TRAMS WILL RUN.

ADMISSION—1s; CHILDREN, 6d.

VEHICLES ADMITTED.

F. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

VICTORIA C. C. Disengaged next Saturday with Ground. T. Richardson, 875, Oxford-street, Paddington.

UNIVERSITY OVAL vacant, 1st and 2nd January. Apply caretaker.

BALMAIN Excelsior C.C., with matting wicket, disengaged January 9, February 20, March 13, 27, April 17, May 22, 29. W. Bellamy, Hon. Sec., Weston-street, Balmain.

STANDARD Brewery C.C. disengaged Saturday, 2nd January, with or without ground. J. Moloney, Hon. Sec.

DOMAIN (northern end) vacant 2nd January. R. H. Ellis, Audit Office.

CLONTARF. CLONTARF.

NEW YEAR'S DAY,
FRIDAY, January 1, 1886,
GRAND FAMILY PICNIC.
AMUSEMENTS FOR ALL.

Quoits, Swings, Swingboats, Greasy Pole, Merry-go-rounds.
Dancing in the New Pavilion. Admission, 1s.
Imperial Brass Band, 16 performers.
Luncheon, 2s.
Steamers Leveret, Commodore, Irresistible, leave No. 2 Jetty every half hour from 9.30 a.m. till 2.30 p.m.; last trip from Clontarf, 5 p.m.
Hot and cold water free. Return fare, 2s; children, 1s.
W. and T. MOORE.

TENNYSON. TENNYSON.
NEW YEAR'S DAY.
CARRINGTON BAND,
for Dancing in the large and commodious Pavilion.
Messrs. Eccles and Co. (late of City Catering Company) will provide
LUNCHEON and REFRESHMENTS at Sydney prices.
Tennyson Handicap, 150 yards—First prize, £2; second, £1.
New Year Handicap, 200 yards—First prize, £2; second, £1.
Cricket, Quoits, &c.
Footracing for children. 100 prizes.
The following steamers will ply
EVERY HALF-HOUR
from Floating Jetty, Phillip-street:—
KATE, GEEBUNG, SURPRISE, and NELLIE.
Return steamer fare, including admission to Grounds and Pavilion, 2s.
N.B.—Entrances for footracing received at 161, William-street.
H. A. MAGNEY, Secretary.

FERN BAY. FERN BAY.

GO TO FERN BAY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.
Why? Because it is admitted to be the most respectable picnic ground on the harbour.
The Grounds are Cool and Shady.
There is a Good Pavilion.

A Splendid Band of Eight Performers will discourse all the latest music.

A GOOD CATERER WILL PROVIDE.

THE CHARGE IS ONLY TWO SHILLINGS.

No extra charge for the Pavilion.

Swings and other Amusements.

BOATS EVERY HALF-HOUR
throughout the day from
No. 4 JETTY, CIRCULAR QUAY.

A PICNIC WILL ALSO BE HELD
on
SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

EXCURSION TO MANLY BEACH.

CHEAP AMUSEMENTS
for
THE MILLION.

FAMILY PICNIC GROUNDS.

COMFORT, SAFETY,
and
NO OVERCROWDING.

Four Powerful Commodious Steamers running every half-hour:—
BRIGHTON
FAIRLIGHT
EMU
PORT JACKSON
will leave No. 1 Jetty, Circular Quay, 7.15 a.m., 9.30 a.m., and every half-hour until 3.30 p.m.
Early trip from Manly 8.10 a.m.
Latest trips from Manly 6 and 8 p.m.; from Sydney 6 and 11.15 p.m.

Fare: Return ticket, 1s 6d; children, 1s.

SELECT PICNIC PARTIES.—Best Day's Outing.—Steamer to Manly, thence per Black and Co.'s 'bus to Narrabeen Lake; fishing, boating, bathing. Black and Co.'s Livery Stables, Pier Hotel. Vehicles of all descriptions on hire.

JENOLAN (late FISH RIVER) CAVES.
One of the wonders of the world. Parties can start any day, but must book at least a day in advance. The TOURIST BUREAU, 81, Market-street. N.B.—The TOURIST BUREAU will be removed to larger premises at 6, Bridge-street, on January 4, when Reading and Baggage Rooms will be added.

TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT.

GRAND QUADRILLE ASSEMBLY,
under the management of the Liberal Association, at West's Academy, Castlereagh-street. Dancing from 8 to 12.
Ladies, 1s 6d; gentlemen, 2s 6d; double, 3s 6d.

DANCING.—New Hall.—183, CASTLEREAGH-ST.
MR. A. READ'S QUADRILLE PARTY.
NEW YEAR'S NIGHT. NEW YEAR'S NIGHT.
DANCING, 8 till 11.30.

DANCING.—Mr. W. KING'S Assembly, New Year's Night, New Oddfellows' Hall, Elizabeth-street.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
EXCURSION TO MANLY.
CLARENDON HOTEL.
Mrs. KILMINSTER informs her friends and holiday folks that a FIRST-CLASS LUNCHEON will be served in the New Dining Hall (the largest in Manly). Private tables if necessary. Refreshments of every description served upon the shortest notice. Fishing and picnic parties provided. Excellent billiard table.

BOYLE and CO.'S Singing Class Re-opens Monday, Jan. 11. Musical Institute, opp. Gaiety Theatre. 10s 6dqr.

MONS. CAILLIAU'S Elementary, Advanced and Philharmonic Classes Re-open after Xmas, at Paling and Co.'s.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, N. S. W.
An Annual Subscription (due 1st January) of £1 1s entitles the Subscriber to Admission to the Society's Show, all Trotting, Cricket, Football Matches, and other Amusement.
F. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

ALL Fresh, Bright, Beautiful NEW YEAR CARDS at FULLER'S To-day. 385 and 387, George-street.

ALHAMBRA MUSIC HALL,
George-street, Haymarket.

Proprietor and Manager ... ... Mr. Frank Smith.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

TO-NIGHT, THURSDAY,
and EVERY EVENING until further notice.
GRAND HOLIDAY BILL.
MINSTRELSY AND BURLESQUE.
THE ALHAMBRA VARIETY and SPECIALTY UNION,
in their refined Entertainment.
PART I.—MINSTRELSY.
Overture—"Spanish Student" ... Company
Nautical Song—"Sailing" ... Mr. H. Barrington
Ballad—"Only a Pansy Blossom" ... Miss Lucy Fraser
Comic Song—"Coloured Band" ... Mr. Geo. Gardner
Ballad—"Nourine Mourine" ... Miss Amy Rowe
Ballad—"Elvie of the Glen" ... Mr. W. Ryan
Ballad—"Sweet Violets" ... Miss Millie Herbert
Comic Song—"Four Sarahs" ... Mr. Ed. Shipp
Ballad—"Sad Sea Waves" ... Mr. J. Matlock.
To be followed by an entirely New and Original Extravaganza, written by Leopold Jordan, Esq., expressly for the Alhambra Variety Company and Specialty Union, entitled:—
KING COCKATOO,
or THE ENCHANTED ELEPHANT,
with the following powerful cast of characters:—
King Cockatoo, who rules his Court in a shape manner ... Mr. Ed. Shipp
Lord Chamberlain, an inoffensive and lame official, this is a lame excuse ... Mr. W. P. Keen
Bash Bash, a bashful Gipsy King, with a barring-tone voice ... Mr. H. Barrington
Prince Nibbleall, with hopes to nibble all the King's wealth ... Miss Minnie Hope
Queen Karratte, who grows carrots as a gard'ner should ... Mr. Geo. Gardner
Princess Prettylips, who will row after the Prince ... Miss Amy Rowe
Villetta her rival, vill-let-her crouch-er round the court ... Miss Hetty Croucher
Majji, the Gipsy Queen, who loves herbert-ter half ... Miss Millie Herbert
The Imperial Guards ... The Neilson Family
Lords in waiting, courtiers, pages, guards of honour, dancers, hawkers, talkers, antipodeans, citizens, &c., &c., &c., by a host of auxiliaries.
Mashers in waiting, as usual, 10.30 up the lane.
THE ENCHANTED ELEPHANT,
kindly lent to the management (for this production only) by his Highness the Rajah of Barnumjumbotoun. N.B.—The elephant was imported by instalments at enormous cost.
SYNOPSIS OF SEEN-ERY.
Seen first—The Audience
Seen second—the Band
Seen last—the Artistes.
Caution.—The Audience are requested to remain calm during the Elephant's "roar," as he is an amateur.
New Scenery. New Music. New Songs and Dances.
Incidental music, introducing airs from the "Tambour Major," by the kind permission of Messrs. Williamson, Garner, and Musgrove.
Admission: Orchestra Chairs, 2s; Stalls, 1s; Balcony, 1s.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS ON KING COCKATOO.
"Sydney Morning Herald":
"The dialogue is witty and the whole tenor of the plot racy. The scenery and mechanical effects are excellent, and the performance is likely to draw crowded houses for some time to come."

"Daily Telegraph":
"The plot is an original one. The piece abounds with epigram and good localisms, is well staged, and the scenery is excellent."

"Evening News":
"King Cockatoo, or the Enchanted Elephant, was performed with a degree of ability and abandon which created uproarious mirth on the part of the audience. The extravaganza was written by Mr. Leopold Jordan specially for the Alhambra Company, and being a Christmas piece, is as full of puns, witticisms, anachronisms, humour and absurdities of all kinds, as a good Christmas pudding usually is, or ought to be, of plums and currants. The whole company exerted themselves to give effect to the humour of the Extravaganza, and the result was that the performance was completely successful."

"Sunday Times":
"We congratulate Messrs. Smith and Jordan on their success, and have no hesitation in saying they will have a successful run."

BOTANY. BOTANY. BOTANY.

SIR JOSEPH BANKS PAVILION
and
PLEASURE GARDENS.

FRIDAY,
NEW YEAR'S DAY,
January 1, 1886.

DANCING ON THE LAWN,
on a specially laid platform, where all the latest dance music of the day will be played by the
PRINCE OF WALES BAND OF TEN PERFORMERS.

Dancing in the finest Pavilion in the Australian colonies.

STRING BAND OF TEN PERFORMERS,
under the leadership of Chas. Austin.

SIX EFFICIENT M.C.'s, viz.,
Gam Walsh, Signor Ranchero, George Hunt, M. Dooley, E. Seymour, and Professor Lawson.

At 2 o'clock, a
GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT
will be given at the Sir Joseph Banks Theatre, when several well-known artists will appear.

Miniature Tram will run all day. Free, Free, Free.

No two gentlemen will be allowed to dance together. No two ladies will be allowed to dance together. N.B.—This rule will be rigidly enforced, so necessary for the good order and comfort of the dancers. Any person creating a disturbance of any kind will be immediately expelled, and handed over to the police.

Admission to the whole: Adults, 2s; children, 1s; no second charge. Trams and 'buses to and from the gates every twenty minutes until 6 p.m.
FRANK SMITH.

BROKEN BAY and NEWPORT.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

GRAND OCEAN EXCURSION.

The magnificent new swift
S.S. RICHMOND, 1000 tons,

will leave
Russell's Wharf, foot Margaret-street, on
FRIDAY, January 1, 1886, at 10 a.m.

The Richmond has splendid promenade deck, sheltered with teak awnings, and excellent seating accommodation for passengers.

Refreshments and Luncheon may be obtained on Board.

Return fares, 4s; children, half-price.

N.B.—The steamer will return in time for evening amusements.

B. B. NICOLL, 9, Sussex-street.

BROKEN BAY. BROKEN BAY.

NOTICE TO EXCURSIONISTS.

The fast and powerful steamship
KEMBLA
will leave Lime-street Wharf, foot of Erskine-street (where she is now lying), for FLINT AND STEEL SOUND and PITTWATER (the loveliest spots in Broken Bay) on FRIDAY (New Year's Day), at 10 a.m.
Return tickets 4s, children half-price.
Refreshments can be had on board at moderate prices.

NEW YEAR'S DAY EXCURSION to GOSFORD.
A VEHICLE will meet the Sydney Steamers on arrival at the Wharf to take buyers to the town lots opposite Station.
See advertisement under Land for Sale.

C. J. TACHE,
Montagu-chambers.

SANDRINGHAM. SANDRINGHAM.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The HASTINGS of Australia. Thoroughly select seaside resort.
PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL, SANDRINGHAM.
Extensive Pleasure Grounds and Gardens, Good Stabling, Fishing, Boating, Oysters, &c.
Routes—Through Newtown and Cook's River by road, and by train to Kogarah. (Coach meets every train, fare 1s.)
The Hotel is replete with every convenience for visitors and Boarders.
PUBLIC LUNCH, 1st January, at 1 p.m.
PRIVATE DINNERS AT ANY HOUR.
PRIVATE PARTIES ARRANGED FOR.
CATERING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES DONE.
VISIT SANDRINGHAM—IT WILL REPAY YOU.
T. RIDGWAY, Proprietor.

GRAND TEMPERANCE and FAMILY PICNIC
to
THE AVENUE RECREATION GROUND
on the
LANE COVE RIVER,
on
NEW YEAR'S DAY, FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1886.

The Pyrmont Brass Band in the Pavilion.

Swings, Quoits, Cricket, and other Games.

Hot and Cold Water Free.

TEMPERANCE REFRESHMENTS and LUNCHEON, at Moderate Rates.

Steamers every half-hour from Lime-street Wharf, foot of Erskine-street.

Return Fare, including admittance to the grounds—Adults, 1s; children, 6d.
Admittance to the pavilion, 1s 6d extra.

A GRAND TEMPERANCE PICNIC
to CREMORNE. to CREMORNE.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, FRIDAY, 1st JAN., 1886,
and SATURDAY, 2nd JAN.

The Young Australian Band especially engaged to play throughout the day in the large Pavilion.

300 Prizes will be distributed amongst the juveniles for foot races, &c.

Refreshments at Sydney Prices. Luncheon, &c.

Anyone found with intoxicants will be removed from the ground. No questionable characters allowed to land.
The favourite Steamers IOLANTHE, MERMAID, PYSCHE, and ESTRELLA will ply from No. 3 jetty, Circular Quay, Sydney, every 10 minutes, from 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hot and Cold Water Free.
Adults, 1s 6d; children, 9d.
W. NICHOLSON, Manager.

THE Best Shilling MEAL in Sydney is at No. 1 Sydney Tea Palace, Market-street. Superior pot of tea made to order for every person. Superior dining and bed rooms.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.—Try FULLER and CO.'S splendid Stock, good and cheap. 385-7, George-street.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Proprietor and Manager ... ... F. E. HISCOCKS.

The Popular and Fashionable Resort.

The Home of Incessant Mirth and Music.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

The Welcome Return Home of the Favourites,
HISCOCKS' FEDERAL MINSTRELS,
and Speciality Union,
Third year of their reign and 12nd week in Sydney, and crowded houses still greet them to witness their new programme,
SPARKLING WITH WIT AND HUMOUR,
Together with the
GRAND BLACK PANTOMIME,
HARLEQUIN.
BLACK 'HIDE' SUSAN and her PLAIN BILL.
Which is received with screams of laughter and thunders of applause from beginning to end. Every song, every joke, every act, in fact every item entirely new, impossible to any other organisation.
AGAIN TO-NIGHT, and EVERY EVENING until further notice.

Box Plan at Nicholson's. Admission — Orchestra Chairs (strictly select), 4s; Stalls, 3s; Parquette, 2s; Balcony, 1s. A large staff of ushers in attendance.
Ladies' Cloak-room, with attendant, and every comfort guaranteed. Tickets for all parts at Mrs. Harrison's, tobacconist, Castlereagh-street, near Academy.
Come early and avoid the crush. Doors open 7, commence at 8, finish 10.15, in order to allow patrons to catch trams, &c. Carriages at 10.10 p.m.
Children in arms, One Guinea.

HISCOCKS' FEDERAL MINSTRELS,
NO. 2.
WANTED, FIRST-CLASS
COMEDIANS,
INSTRUMENTALISTS,
VOCALISTS, and
SPECIALITY ARTISTS.
No amateurs need apply. Address—
F. E. HISCOCKS,
Academy of Music.

Silence a respectful negative.

THE HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS,
NEW YEAR'S DAY,
will take place under the distinguished patronage and in the presence of
HIS EXCELLENCY LORD CARRINGTON,
at the Association Grounds. Sports to commence at 10.45.
Admission 1s, children half-price.

HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS,
NEW YEAR'S DAY,
and also on
SATURDAY, the 2nd JANUARY, 1886,
will be held on the
ASSOCIATION CRICKET GROUNDS,
Moore Park.

THE HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS,
on
NEW YEAR'S DAY,
will be without doubt the Largest Day's Sports ever competed for in any of the Australian Colonies.

ADMISSION to the Grounds, ONE SHILLING; children half-price.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS
at the
HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS,
NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The SPORTS will COMMENCE at 10.45 a.m. sharp.

TICKETS will be handed to Competitors, at Punch's Hotel, Market-street, on New Year's Eve, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.

In consequence of so many Events having to be competed for, strict time will be kept. Books of Sports, containing all information, can be obtained at Punch's Hotel, THIS EVENING—price 3d. Every Competitor will then know what time the event is to come off, and the Sports Committee hope that all Competitors will assist them in running to time as set forth, and it is hoped this gathering will be a grand success.

The Committee further beg to state the only object they have in view is to have a
GOOD, HONEST DAY'S AMUSEMENT,
and that can only be brought about by the competitors giving their hearty assistance to the
HIGHLAND GATHERING COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE COMMITTEE
of the
HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS
have the pleasure to inform the citizens of Sydney and suburbs and the public generally that
HIS EXCELLENCY LORD CARRINGTON AND SUITE
will
HONOUR THE SPORTS WITH THEIR PRESENCE
on
NEW YEAR'S DAY,
and it is hoped that his Excellency
will be met with
A MOST HEARTY WELCOME.

The time when His EXCELLENCY will arrive will be duly notified.

The committee will do all in their power to make this gathering one to be remembered.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS,
to be held at the
ASSOCIATION CRICKET GROUNDS,
Moore Park.

Admission to the Ground,
ONE SHILLING. CHILDREN, HALF-PRICE.

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS
for
NEW YEAR'S DAY,
at the
HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS.

There are over SIXTY-THREE EVENTS to be competed for on
NEW YEAR'S DAY,
and will be seen on reference to the INDEX below the number of the event, and the time of starting.

INDEX TO SPORTS.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Name of Event.	No.	Time.
Flat Races, Boys under 13 (in divisions) ...	1	10.45
Ditto, ditto ...	2	10.50
Boys under 15, ditto ...	4	11.5
Ditto, ditto ...	5	11.10
Ditto, ditto ...	6	11.20
Run off, Boys under 13 ...	22	12.45
Ditto, ditto 15 ...	25	12.55
Maiden Plate (in divisions); 1st division ...	9	11.35
Ditto ditto, 2nd ditto ...	10	11.45
Ditto ditto, 3rd ditto ...	11	11.50
Ditto ditto, 4th ditto ...	12	12.0
Ditto ditto, 5th ditto ...	13	12.10
Ditto ditto, 6th ditto ...	15	12.15
Ditto ditto, 7th ditto ...	17	12.25
Run off, Maiden ...	31	2.10
New Year's Cup, 150 yards (in divisions)—		
Ditto ditto, ditto, 1st division ...	20	12.35
Ditto ditto, ditto, 2nd ditto ...	21	12.40
Ditto ditto, ditto, 3rd ditto ...	24	1.5
Ditto ditto, ditto, 4th ditto ...	26	1.35
Ditto ditto, ditto, 5th ditto ...	28	1.40
Ditto ditto, ditto, 6th ditto ...	30	1.58
Ditto ditto, ditto, 7th ditto ...	34	2.15
Ditto ditto, ditto, 8th ditto ...	36	2.25
Ditto ditto, ditto, 9th ditto ...	38	2.35
Ditto ditto, ditto, 10th ditto ...	39	2.45
New Year's Cup, run off ...	51	4.10
440 yards, Flat Race (four divisions), 1st ...	45	3.35
Ditto ditto, ditto, 2nd ...	46	3.45
Ditto ditto, ditto, 3rd ...	47	3.55
Ditto ditto, ditto, 4th ...	48	4.5
440 yards, run off ...	55	5.0
1 Mile Flat Race ...	56	5.30
Walking Match, amateur, 1 mile ...	52	4.20
Ditto ditto, all comers, 1½ mile ...	63	6.5
Amateur Bicycle Races:		
1 Mile Maiden, Scratch ...	16	12.20
1 Mile Handicap ...	40	3.0
2 Miles ...	54	4.40
Amateur Wrestling ...	56	5.10
Piping ...	27	1.40
Campbell's Prize "Pibroch" ...	3	11.0
Dancing, young Ladies ...	53	4.20
Ditto, All Comers—Highland Fling ...	61	5.55
Ditto, Adults—Gillie Callum ...	8	11.30
Ditto, Reels ...	15	12.45
Ditto, Highland Fling (after No. 43) ...	44	—
Ditto, Reel o' Tulloch ...	62	—
Dancing, Boys—Reels (after No. 8) ...	—	11.30
Ditto, ditto—Highland Fling (after 14) ...	—	12.15
Ditto, ditto—Gillie Callum ...	35	2.10
Ditto, ditto—Reel o' Tulloch ...	59	5.30
Ditto, ditto—Irish Jig ...	57	5.10
Ditto, ditto—Sailor's Hornpipe ...	37	2.35
Young Ladies Dancing—Highland Fling. (Special Prize.)		
Single Stick ...	23	1.15
Running High Jump ...	29	1.50
Hop, Step, and Jump ...	35	2.20
Obstacle Race ...	41	3.10
Dog Jump ...	49	4.5
Tossing the Caber ...	50	4.5
Putting the Shot ...	7	11.30
Pole Vaulting ...	19	12.35
Best Dressed Highlander ...	32	2.10
Ditto ditto Highland Boy ...	42	3.15
Bayonet Exercise ...	43	3.15
Throwing the Hammer ...	60	5.55

The Sports will be continued on SATURDAY. For particulars see Book of Sports.

On SATURDAY, 2nd January, the Sports will be continued and commenced at 2 o'clock, and will be started in the following order:—100 Yards Flat Race (handicap), 4 divisions; Obstacle Race, Bicycle Race (all-comers), 2 miles; Walking Match; All-Comers' Wrestling Match; Flat Race, 100 yards, run off; Highland Dancing; Flat Race, half a mile—making in all 74 events for two days—it will thus be seen the Committee of the Highland Gathering Sports have done their utmost to place before a generous public a fine exhibition of Athletic Sports. Handsome prizes have been given, and the proceeds, after paying expenses, will, in one way or another, be returned to the public in relieving cases of distress, to those persons who may be in that unfortunate position. So the Committee of Sports confidently rely on the public for a continuance of their support, and by their numbers on that glorious day—New Year's Day—assist the Highland Society in doing what little good they do in their own quiet way.

All sorts of Amusements will be provided at the Highland Gathering Sports for children, so if parents want them to enjoy a holiday, take them to the Highland Sports on New Year's Day. Admission to the Ground, 1s; Children, half-price. Come one, come all, and visit the Highland Gathering Sports on New Year's Day.

The BALMAIN COLDSTREAM BRASS BAND will perform selections of music during the day at the Highland Gathering Sports, New Year's Day.
H. J. CHISHOLM,
Hon. Sec.

ATHOL GARDENS, NEW YEAR'S DAY.

GRAND FAMILY PICNIC.
Splendid Brass Bands will play for Dancing in the large pavilion all day. Refreshments by first-class Caterers. Steamers leave Floating Jetty every few minutes. Return, 1s 6d; children, 6d.

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ASSOCIATION CRICKET GROUND.
HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY,
and
SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS.

GATES open at 9 o'clock a.m.

SPORTS to commence at 10.45 a.m.

ALL CARTS must be off the Ground by 9.30 a.m.

Special Trams will run to the Ground.
Fare, 3d each person.

Admission to Ground, 1s; Grand Stand, 1s extra; Children, half-price.

S. H. FAIRLAND,
Secretary A. C. Ground.
Office—99, Elizabeth-street.

THE TREWS, THE KILT, AND THE BAGPIPES.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The time of Jubilee has come.
Blow the bagpipes, beat the drum.

ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS,
MOORE PARK.

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU.

MAY THE CHOICEST BLESSINGS BE SHOWERED
UPON YOUR HEAD,
KIND READER.

NATIONAL FESTIVAL,
at the
ZOO.

May old England's rose never cease to blow,
May thistle and shamrock never cease to grow,
May the three thrive and never be rent,
But on one solid stem for ever be blent.

GREAT PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION.

At the
ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS,
MOORE PARK,
on
FRIDAY, January 1,
to
FITTINGLY USHER IN
the
NEW YEAR.

COMMENCE THE NEW YEAR WELL
by making
THOSE AROUND YOU
JOYOUS AND HAPPY.

ARE YOU SNAPPY!
Come to the
ZOO.

ARE YOU UNHAPPY!
Come to the
ZOO.

Fortunately we have in the ZOO a place from which an abundant amount of pleasure can always be drawn, especially on
A POPULAR FESTIVE OCCASION.

AN IMMENSITY OF ENJOYMENT
may be secured to your
LITTLE CHICKS
by taking them to see the
LARGE TRIBE OF MONKEYS
GARFIELD, THE NOBLE AFRICAN LION
JUMBO and JESSIE, THE MONSTER ELEPHANTS
THE BIG BENGAL TIGERS
LEOPARDS, PANTHERS, PUMAS, BEARS
CAMEL, DEER, HIGHLAND CATTLE, KANGAROOS
and various other
VALUABLE ANIMALS.

Splendid Collection of
BEAUTIFUL PLUMAGED BIRDS.

BOA CONSTRICTORS, RATTLE SNAKES,
and other
SPECIES OF REPTILES.

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of
NATIONAL MUSIC
by the
FAMOUS COLDSTREAM BAND.

Messrs. TART and CO.
intend to make a supreme efforts to counteract the plans of Old Sol, who generally blazes away at this season of the year in the full plenitude of his power by providing a plentiful supply of
COOLING DRINKS
ICED WATERS,
and other
ICED BEVERAGES.

A Coldstream of music will be poured into the visitors' ear, so that the young bachelor in particular will be able to sit with the coolness of an iceberg, and watch with enthralling pleasure the graceful movements of the swans afloat and ashore.

"Behold as with a gushing impulse heaves
That downy flow, and softly cleaves
The mirror of the crystal flood."

THE ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAIN,
(the kind gift of the Australian Jockey Club)
will be kept in full play, and discharge its silvery streams to lofty heights, falling fantastically in feathery spray upon the broad bosom of the placid waters of the serpentine lake.

BEWITCHING MUSIC
by the
COLDSTREAM BAND.

DANCE MUSIC.
DANCE MUSIC.

The late beneficent rains have clothed the spacious lawns in a new suit of living emerald green, and imparted fresh vigour to the drooping plants, greatly enhancing the beauty of the gardens.

A TREAT FOR THE CHILD
of
NATURE.

PERSONS ATTENDING
the
HIGHLAND GATHERING,
being within so short a distance of the
ZOO,
CAN ATTEND
BOTH DEMONSTRATIONS
with
CONVENIENCE.

DONALD, AFTER YOU HAVE TOSSED THE CABER, wipe the perspiration from your bonnie brow and come over with your wee bairns, and throw your brawny legs over the Elephant, and gie them a wee bit o' rest.

The picturesque appearance of the Mahouts, arrayed in garb peculiar to the East, will be a striking sight, and form one of the attractive features of the day.
Mothers, these are the worthy men who bestow so much care on your little offspring during the progress of their Elephantine Roundabout Trip.

JUMBO and JESSIE,
accoutred with Trappings and Howdah,
will carry the youngsters
as usual.

"A horse! a horse! my kingdom for a horse!"
"Withdraw, my lord, I'll help you to a horse."

THE SOUDAN DONKEY
and
WELL-GROOMED TIMOR PONIES
will be
SADDLED FOR THE CHILDREN TO RIDE.
A provision on the part of the management which cannot fail to give much additional gratification to all those who enjoy a mount on a willing and good paced steed.

The Officers of the Commissariat will Feed the principal Animals at 4 p.m.
The best time to see them to advantage.

GREAT AMUSEMENT
and
EXCITEMENT
at the
FEEDING HOUR
to see the savoury morsels quickly disappear.

"Christmas cheer
At this joyous time of year."

Plum Pudding for the LION
Roley-poley for the TIGERS
Tart for the MONKEYS.

VISITORS FROM THE BACKWOODS OF AUSTRALIA
VISITORS FROM THE FAR INTERIOR
VISITORS FROM THE COUNTRY
are specially invited.

*** THE CHINESE PAVILION has been renovated and very much improved by extra appliances for carrying on an increased business, and the numerous gold-emblazoned quaint-looking bannerets to be seen waving in the breeze from different parts of the building give it a very pretty and charming effect, and must recall to the minds of some pleasant reminiscences of the flowery land.

*** EATABLES,
a REFRESHING CUP of TEA,
LUSCIOUS FRUITS,
and
SWEETMEATS
OBTAINABLE AT ANY MOMENT
at moderate charges.

NOTICE.

The people have given an
UNMISTAKEABLE VERDICT
in favour of the Zoo as a
FAVOURITE PLACE of PUBLIC RESORT.

About 10,000
ADULTS and CHILDREN
passed through the gates during the
TWO LAST HOLIDAYS,
and, may we not venture to add,
THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THEMSELVES.

*** Why wander about in dreary out-of-the-way spots in search of enjoyment when you have such a place as the
ZOO
so handy to your own front door!

TRAMS FROM BRIDGE-STREET
to the
ZOO GATES.

GARDENS OPEN FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

VIVAT REGINA.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.—Try FULLER and CO.'S splendid Stock, good and cheap. 385-7, George-street.

HURSTVILLE GROVE, 217 feet above sea level. Watkin and Watkin sell To-Morrow, New Year's Day.

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Amusements.

COMPLIMENTARY PICNIC,
tendered to
JOHN POPE, Esq., J.P.
(prior to his departure for Europe),
BY HIS FRIENDS.
To take place at CHOWDER, January 7, 1886.

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CHOWDER BAY. CHOWDER BAY.
SUNDAY, January 3, 1886, and every SUNDAY AFTERNOON.
A NEW ERA IN COLOSSAL ENTERPRISE.
CONCERTS. CONCERTS.
IN THE MAGNIFICENT PAVILION.
"A triumph to be lasting must be founded on the basis of legitimate and substantial ingredients," and to this end Mr. J. H. Rainford has made the following important and satisfactory arrangements, the announcement of which will inspire confidence in the public mind that the treat for 1886 will be one of extraordinary magnitude and grandeur.
The following Artistes are engaged:—Mr. James J. Hinchey, whose presence and power of melody is always welcome, and who has kindly volunteered; Mr. T. H. Rainford, the talented basso, Mr. Thomas Gilpin, the talented baritone; Mr. Frank Phillips, the only male soprano, and Miss Annie Schrader, the fascinating cantatrice. The Orchestra numbering 14, will be guided by that skilful artist, Mr. G. Rivers Allpress.
The surpassingly lovely scenery is only eclipsed by breathing God's oxygen. N.B.—Return fares in saloon steamers from Circular Quay Jetty (100 yards from Tram Terminus) including admission to concert, 1s 6d; children, 1s.
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NEW YEAR'S DAY,
AND SATURDAY FOLLOWING.
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PLEASURE-SEEKERS are reminded that SPECIAL STEAMERS start from KING-STREET WHARF as follows:—
10 o'clock, with 10 performers of YOUNG AUSTRALIAN BAND, and
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GRAND RECHABITE PICNIC AT PEARL BAY.
Oriental Band.
Amusements for Old and Young.
Brothers Hodgson and Diamond (High Officers from England) will deliver addresses during the afternoon.
Fast steamers from Government Jetty, Circular Quay, from 9 till 3.
Tickets, 2s; children, half price.

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EXCURSION TO PEARL BAY,
On SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY NEXT.
TELEPHONE, steamer, leaves Dry Dock at 8.30; Darling-street, 9.
BALD ROCK, steamer, leaves Reynolds-street, 9.30; Stephen-street, 9.40; Pyrmont, 9.45; Darling-street, 10
TELEPHONE, Darling-street only, 11
BALD ROCK, Darling-street only, 1.30.
Return, 4.30 to 6.30.
Tickets, 2s; Children, 1s each.
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LADY ROBINSON'S BEACH,
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GRAND WATER FRONTAGES.
Auction Sale on the Ground,
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SUMMER HILL.—Gentleman's Villa RESIDENCE, within 2 minutes train, 6 good rooms, folding doors, hall, kitchen, pantry, laundry, force pump, tiles, &c.; only £875; terms. Stanton's Summer Hill House Agency.

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Government Notices.

Government Railways, Sydney, 24th December, 1885.

OPENING OF ILLAWARRA LINE, BETWEEN HURSTVILLE and SUTHERLAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that during the Christmas and New Year's Holidays passengers will be carried from Sydney to Como and Sutherland, on the Illawarra Line, commencing on SATURDAY, 26th December, and terminating on MONDAY, the 4th January, 1886, in accordance with the following time-table:—

The fares from Sydney to the stations named are quoted below, but the rates from intermediate stations may be obtained upon application to the stationmasters.

FROM SYDNEY TO COMO.

Single 1st Class	Single 2nd Class	Excursion 1st Class	Excursion 2nd Class
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1 2	0 9	1 7	1 1

FROM SYDNEY TO SUTHERLAND.

Single 1st Class	Single 2nd Class	Excursion 1st Class	Excursion 2nd Class
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1 4	0 10	1 10	1 2

EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued at all stations on Illawarra Line—Sydney included—to Como and Sutherland, available for return until the 4th of January, 1886.

The existing Bylaws regulating the use of the Government Railways are hereby extended to the above length of railways.

The times of departure of the trains are as under:—

BOXING DAY, 1885, and NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1886.
LEAVE SYDNEY AT
8.52, 9.26, 10.35, 11.36 a.m., and
12.50, 2.1, 2.52, 4.3, 4.56, and 6.45 p.m.
LEAVE SUTHERLAND:
9.34, 10.34, 11.45, 12.45, 2.3, 3.1, 3.54, 5.2, 6.5, and 7.25 p.m.

MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1885, and SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1886.
LEAVE SYDNEY:
9.40, 10.55, 11.55 a.m., and 2.35, 4.0, and 5.21 p.m.
LEAVE SUTHERLAND:
10.45, 11.55 a.m., and 1.0, 3.50, 5.20, and 6.25 p.m.

On 29th, 30th, and 31st December, 1885, and 4th January, 1886.
LEAVE SYDNEY:
9.55 a.m., 2.3 and 4.25 p.m.
LEAVE SUTHERLAND:
11.0 a.m., 3.10 and 5.30 p.m.

From and after the 5th January trains will be run as the necessities of the traffic may require, particulars of which will be published.

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.
Sydney, 24th Dec., 1885.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 30th December, 1885.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.
NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS, 1886.

EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued at all stations to all stations for distances over 15 miles, commencing with the mail trains leaving Sydney, Albury, Hay, and Bourke, on FRIDAY, the 11th DECEMBER, 1885, and terminating on Friday, 1st January; available for distances not exceeding 40 miles, until Thursday, 7th January, 1886; and for distances over 40 miles, until Saturday, 30th January, 1886.
For distances not exceeding 15 miles, similar tickets will be issued on the 1st January, 1886, available for return for two days from date of issue.
Excursion tickets, available for return for two months, will also be issued from 15th December, 1885, to 5th January, 1886, inclusive, between Sydney and Melbourne, at the under-mentioned rates:—
1st class ... £3 8s 6d 2nd class ... £4 1s.
These tickets will not be available by express trains, and passengers wishing to travel on either journey by express trains must pay the full difference between the ordinary and the reduced rates.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.
SOUTHERN LINE.
FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1886.

SYDNEY TO GOULBURN AND BACK.
Sydney, dep. ... 5.30 a.m. | Goulburn, dep. ... 5 p.m.
Goulburn, arr. ... 2.30 p.m. | Sydney, arr. ... 10.40 p.m.

GOULBURN TO BUNGENDORE AND BACK.
Goulburn, dep., 9.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. | Bungendore, arr., 11.15 a.m. 8.15 p.m.
Bungendore, dep., 7.15 a.m. and 5 p.m. | Goulburn, arr., 9 a.m. and 6.45 p.m.

WESTERN LINE.
FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1886.

SYDNEY TO BOWENFELS AND BACK.
Sydney, dep. ... 7.0 a.m. | Bowenfels, dep. ... 5.0 p.m.
Bowenfels, arr. ... 1.0 p.m. | Sydney, arr. ... 8.25 p.m.

BATHURST TO ORANGE AND MOLONG AND BACK.
Bathurst, dep. ... 9.15 a.m. | Molong, dep. ... 4.40 p.m.
Orange, dep. ... 12.15 p.m. | Orange, dep. ... 6.5 p.m.
Molong, arr. ... 1.20 p.m. | Bathurst, arr. ... 8.18 p.m.

PENRITH TO ESK BANK.
Penrith, dep. ... 2.5 p.m. | Esk Bank, arr. ... 7.20 p.m.

RICHMOND AND PENRITH TO SYDNEY.
Richmond, dep. ... 10.0 p.m. | Sydney, arr. ... 12.30 a.m.
Penrith, dep. ... 10.30 p.m. |

The Down Mail Train will stop at Blacktown, and a branch train will be run to all stations on the Richmond line in connection therewith.

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.
RANDWICK RACES.
1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1886.

TWO SPECIAL TRAMS, suitable for private parties and ladies, will leave Bridge-street at 12 noon on the 1st JANUARY, 1886, for the Racecourse direct; timed to arrive for the first race, and will await the finish of the last.
ONE SPECIAL TRAM will run on the 2nd JANUARY NEXT, leaving Bridge-street at 12 noon.
Provision will be made for smoking.
Passengers are requested to enter the Cars from the Platform, Phillip-street terminus.
Return tickets 3s 6d each, may be obtained at the ticket office, Bridge-street terminus.

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.
SPECIAL FARE TO THE RANDWICK RACES.
1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1886.

On the abovementioned dates the fare by special trams to the Randwick Racecourse, for the whole or any portion of the distance, will be ONE SHILLING, either cash or ticket.

Special attention is drawn to the fact that on the above dates the Randwick and Coogee Trams will NOT stop at the Racecourse Platform between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on either the UP or DOWN journey.

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.
RANDWICK RACES.
1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Trams will start from Bent-street, excepting the Tram for which SPECIAL TICKETS are issued.

Temporary Ticket Office will be opened in Bent-street.

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.
EXTENSION WAVERLEY TO RANDWICK.

The Commissioner for Railways appointed by Act of Council 22 Victoria, No. 19, hereby gives notice that his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, deems it expedient to make and complete a Tramway between Waverley and Randwick; and, in pursuance of the Acts of Parliament 43 Victoria, No. 25, and 46 Victoria, No. 28, to erect certain works and conveniences in connection therewith: Commencing at the present tramway terminus at Waverley, and terminating at Alison-road, Randwick, being a distance of one mile seventy-six chains; that for that purpose certain parcels of land which are particularly set out and coloured red in the map or plan and book of reference, to be seen at the Office of the Commissioner for Railways, Phillip-street, Sydney, are required to be taken by the Commissioner for Railways; and that all parties interested in the said land, or affected by the said works, are hereby required to set forth in writing to the said Commissioner for Railways within one month from the publication of this notice in the Government Gazette any well-grounded objection that may appear to them to exist to the making of the said tramway, or to the erection of the said works.
Dated at Sydney this 22nd day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.
(L.S.) CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.
The seal of the Commissioner for Railways was affixed hereto at Sydney this 22nd day of December, 1885, in the presence of L. P. Iredale.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.

CLOSING of the GOODS WAREHOUSES at Sydney and Darling Harbour, and of the Central Booking Office, George-street, New Year's Day, 1st January, 1886.

The Goods Warehouses at Sydney and Darling Harbour will not be open for the receipt and delivery of goods on the above date, but arrangements will be made for the delivery of perishables at Darling Harbour up to till 10 a.m.
The Central Booking-office in George-street will be open for the despatch of business on New Year's Day, 1886, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. only.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.—Try FULLER and CO.'S splendid stock, good and cheap. 385-7, George-street.

Department of Railways, Sydney, May 20, 1885.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

TENDERS will be received at this Office up to 11 a.m., on the dates mentioned hereunder, for the public works, &c., specified in the following schedule:—

Nature of Works or Supplies.	Date for Receipt of Tenders.
The Erection of Pumper's House at Granville (fresh tenders)	Tuesday, 12th January, 1886.
The Duplication of the Great Southern Railway Line, from Goulburn to Joppa Junction. The Construction of the Works contained in Section 4, Great Northern Railway Extension from Tenterfield to the Queensland Border	Tuesday, 19th January, 1886.
The Construction of the Fourth Section of the Illawarra Railway, being an Extension into the Town of Kiama; length, 10 miles 28 chains. The Erection of Station Buildings, &c., at Bowlin, 279 miles 66 chains, on the Cootamundra to Gundagai Railway. The Erection of Station Buildings, &c., at Tenterfield	Wednesday, 27th January.
The Construction of Tramway, Newcastle to Wallsend and Plattsburg	Tuesday, 2nd February, 1886.

NOTE.—For further particulars see Government Gazette, a file of which is kept at every Post-office.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
CHAS. A. GOODCHAP, Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Public Instruction, Sydney, 29th December, 1885.

TENDERS FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

TENDERS are invited for the erection of Public School Buildings at Parramatta East.
Plans and specifications may be seen, and forms of tender obtained, at the office of the Department of Public Instruction, Sydney.
Tenders, endorsed "Tender for School Buildings, Parramatta East Public School," must be lodged with the Under-Secretary, Department of Public Instruction, at or before 10 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 13th January, 1886.
The Minister does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.
J. H. YOUNG.

QUEENSLAND RAILWAYS.
CARPENTARIA AND COOK DIVISION.
COOKTOWN RAILWAY (SECOND SECTION), 31 MILES 40 CHAINS TO 50 MILES 40 CHAINS.

TENDERS are invited for the construction of the Second Section of the Cooktown Railway, from 31 miles 40 chains to 50 miles 40 chains, in length 19 miles, in accordance with plans, sections, drawings, general conditions, and specifications, which may be seen at the offices of the Chief Engineers, Cooktown and Rockhampton, and the office of the Under-Secretary for Railways, Brisbane; also, at the offices of the Secretaries for Railways, Sydney and Melbourne, on and after MONDAY, the 21st December, 1885, where also forms of tender and other information can be obtained.
Tenders, endorsed "Tender for Second Section, Cooktown Railway," must be deposited at the office of the Under-Secretary for Railways, at Brisbane, not later than 4 o'clock p.m., on FRIDAY, the 26th February, 1886.
The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
WM. MILES, Secretary for Public Works.
Railway Department, Brisbane, December 9, 1885.

TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS and TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAYS.
TOURISTS' SEASON TICKETS.

FIRST-CLASS available over the Government and Main Line Railways for TWO MONTHS from date of issue, can be obtained any week day on payment of SIX POUNDS at the Office of the Government Railways at Launceston, Latrobe, and Formby, and on the Main Line Railway at Hobart and Launceston, also at the Offices of the Tasmanian Steam Navigation Company, and of W. Howard Smith and Sons, Melbourne and Sydney.

These Tickets will be issued until the 1st March, but will not be available after the 31st March, 1886.

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Educational.

ABERLEIGH, 127, Phillip-st.—Miss BAINES' Preparatory School for Boys. Vacation December 18 to Jan. 18.

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A LADY would Board and Educate two BOYS with her own. Latin. Herald Office.

A LESSON in Writing or Bookkeeping, any hour during the holidays. NORRIS, Writing Master, 88, Elizabeth-st.

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The SECOND QUARTER for PAINTING CLASS commences on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2nd proximo, at Society's Rooms, Royal Arcade, Pitt-street.
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Instructor, Mr. W. J. THOMAS.
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The BOARDERS can have horses. Riding will be taught. Fresh water bathing regularly enjoyed during the summer months under proper supervision.
The Students from this school have been most successful at the recent University Examinations.
The HEAD MASTER will be at Dr. Gabriel's, 33, York-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, the 31st instant, from 3 o'clock to 5, to receive parents and guardians of intending pupils.
VACANCIES for Resident Pupils.
REV. R. KEENAN, Head Master.

HERR MAX RAUFFMANN, Teacher of the Pianoforte, receives and visits pupils. Terms at Paling's.

MINNAVILLE SCHOOL, conducted by Miss Connor, assisted by efficient governesses. 311, Upper Dowling-st.

MISS MOSES, Pupil of Herr Scherek, visits or receives Pupils for Pianoforte. 239, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst.

MRS. CREAGH, Teacher of Pianoforte, visits Petersham and Burwood twice weekly. 234, Hereford-st., F. Ldg.

MISS N. BANKS, R.A.M., having returned from England, will resume Tuition in Music January 11, 1886, Orpington-street, Ashfield, and W. H. Paling's.

MUSIC.—Herr R. PATEK commences Teaching after New Year. Apply for terms at Shott and Co.'s Music Warehouse, George-street.

MUSICAL.
MISS BATHURST JONES
is open to ENGAGEMENTS in schools. Vacancies for pupils.
2, Devonshire Cottage, Ocean-street, Woollahra.

MANLY.—SYDNEY LODGE.
Rev. D. P. M. HULBERT, M.A., continues to instruct private pupils. Early applications desirable and recommended.

MISS DAVIS,
Late of Strathearn, 58, Young-street,
begs to announce that she intends OPENING a HIGH-CLASS SCHOOL for GIRLS at Garfield, West-street, on the heights of St. Leonards, on WEDNESDAY, January 20. Pupils prepared for Univ. Exams.

NORTH SHORE
ADDERSTONE SCHOOL,
High-street, Neutral Bay.
The system of education is based upon the plan pursued in the best modern English Schools.
The course of instruction includes Religious Knowledge, English Language and Literature, History and Geography, Mathematics, Physical Science, Latin; Class Singing and Theory of music. Special classes for pupils studying for the University Examinations. The staff of teachers includes the best visiting masters and mistresses, with English, French, and German Governesses.
Adderstone is pleasantly situated on Neutral Bay, the house standing in its own grounds, with tennis lawn and bathing-house.
Miss MACARTHUR, principal.

PIANOFORTE and Singing LESSONS given by Mesdames Broughton and Cox, Ezold's Warehouse, George-st.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL for Boys. Clinton, Queen-street, Ashfield.

RIVIERE COLLEGE (Esher), Edgecliff-rd., Nelson-st. and Queen-st., Wool'ra. Principals, Prof. and Mrs. George.

ROYSTON COLLEGE,
CRAIG-END, DARLINGHURST.
F. BEVILL, M.A., HEADMASTER,
Assisted by a Large Staff of Able Masters.
There will be vacancies after Christmas for resident and daily pupils. Candidates prepared for any of the University or Survey-office examinations.
The house is surrounded by 2 acres of recreation ground, and the domestic arrangements are on the most Liberal Scale.
For prospectus, references, photograph of house, &c., apply to the Headmaster.

SHORTHAND.—F. W. Jonson (Pitman's certificated teacher), 53, Hunter-street, opposite Athenæum Club.

SIGNOR FABRIS' Christmas Vacations commences on the 24th December, and terminate January 3rd, 1886. During January Signor Fabris will re-open to give finishing lessons to ladies or gentlemen desiring same, at his residence. 299, Victoria-street, opposite St. John's School, Darlinghurst.

THE SCHOOL, MOUNT VICTORIA.
Reopens 11th January.
Vacancies. Special attention to spelling, composition, and arithmetic. Evening lessons. Special class for junior pupils. Healthy climate. Terms, 10 guineas per quarter. For references, &c., apply to H. G. RIENITS, Principal.

WANTED to place a Young Lady, about 14, at Boarding School. Mr. Sinclair, chemist, Newtown.

ALL Fresh, Bright, Beautiful NEW YEAR CARDS at FULLER'S To-day, 385 and 387, George-street.

Parliamentary Elections.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WEST SYDNEY.
Gentlemen,—Sir John Robertson having been sent for to form an Administration by his Excellency the Governor, has done me the honour to offer me the office of Postmaster-General, which I have accepted, whereby my seat is rendered vacant, thus enabling me to have the pleasure of meeting you for the purpose of obtaining your ratification of the honour conferred upon West Sydney and myself.
Having been honoured by your confidence at four successive general elections—one very recently—my political views are well known to you.
At the present critical juncture in public affairs a strong and just man was imperatively required at the helm of State, and 30 years of an unblemished career ought to be a sufficient guarantee to the public that the man is found in the person of the great leader of the people, Sir John Robertson, who has played a prominent part in the initiation of every great measure which has extended the rights and liberties of the people of this country, and who has given the freedom to attain and the security to preserve, the results of their labour made profitable by his great exertions. Of my other colleagues my knowledge of them, extending over many years, enables me to assert that they are men of more than ordinary ability and fitness for their respective posts.
It is perfectly true that I am new to office, a charge which could be successfully urged against every man, here and elsewhere, who has taken a portfolio for the first time; but to you, who have known my active business life for more than 35 years, there will be some guarantee that the duties of my high office will be discharged with energy and integrity, and that I shall spare no effort to make myself in every way fitted to discharge its functions with credit to myself and to the Administration of which I have the honour to be a member.
In due time, upon the meeting of Parliament, the Government intend to submit such measures as will, I am confident, win the approval of the country and the support of those representatives in Parliament—happily a large majority—whose only objects are good measures and a honest administration of the offices of the State.
Feeling certain that the honor conferred upon me will be appreciated by you, and that I shall again have the honor of receiving a continued expression of your confidence.
I have the honor to remain,
Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
DANIEL O'CONNOR.
Sydney, Dec. 29th, 1885.

TO THE ELECTORS OF YASS PLAINS.
Gentlemen,—Having accepted the portfolio of Minister of Justice in the Administration of Sir John Robertson, I shall have the pleasure of revisiting you in a few days for the purpose of receiving your approval, or otherwise, of my acceptance of the office. I shall then address you fully on the political position and upon the programme of the Ministry.
Trusting to receive the expression of your continued confidence in me,
I remain, yours truly,
L. F. HEYDON.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BALMAIN.
A Public MEETING of the Electors of the abovenamed Electorate will be held at the Hustings, Darling-street, Balmain, at noon, on WEDNESDAY, January 6th, 1886, for the nomination and election of one (1) Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, for the Electoral District of Balmain.
In the event of more candidates being proposed than the number of members required, and a poll demanded, the polling will take place on FRIDAY, January 8th, 1886, at the under-mentioned places, viz.:—
The Hustings, Darling-street, Balmain
The School of Arts, Darling-street, Balmain
Leichhardt
Sydney, Erskine-street.
The polling will commence at 8 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.
Before nomination it is required that a deposit of forty pounds be paid to the Returning-officer, which must be in cash.
THOS. ROWNTREE, Returning-office.
24th December.

WEST SYDNEY ELECTION.
A MEETING of the ELECTORS of WEST SYDNEY favourable to the return of
Mr. GEORGE MERRIMAN
for the above Electorate,
will be held at
LESTER'S QUEENSLAND HOTEL,
Erskine and Kent streets, on
SATURDAY EVENING NEXT, at 8 o'clock.
BUSINESS—To FORM COMMITTEE.

Tenders.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF JONES AND CO., WOOLLEN MERCHANTS, Kent-street, Sydney.
TENDERS for the Stock-in-Trade and Book Debts in the above Estate will be received at our Office, 87, York-street, Sydney, up to noon on MONDAY, January 4, 1886.
LOT 1.
STOCK-IN-TRADE.

	£	s.	d.
Woollens	749	7	9
Linings and Trimmings	49	7	3
Haberdashery	115	1	7
Dress Material	65	14	0
Men's Clothing	122	19	7
Working Plant	91	19	0
	£1193	9	1

LOT 2.
BOOK DEBTS.
Book Debts ... £79 7 2

Tenders may be sent in for lots, jointly or separately.
Stock Lists, Forms of Tender, and all other particulars may be obtained at our Office, or from our agent on the premises in Kent-street.
No tender will be entertained unless accompanied by the usual 10 per cent. deposit.
MELDRUM and MELDRUM,
Accountants and Trade Assignees.
87, York-street, Sydney, December 24, 1885.

TO BUILDERS.
EXTENSION OF TIME.
TENDERS are invited up till THURSDAY, January 14, for the Erection of first-class Hotel, Oxford-street, for Messrs. J. and J. J. Marshall, Paddington Brewery.
1. Excavation, Drainage, Masonry, and Brickwork.
2. All Finishing Trades.
3. The whole in one sum.
For plans and specifications and all particulars, apply at the office of Paddington Brewery, Oxford-street.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
December 30.

TENDERS GIVEN FOR GENUINE ASPHALT used for
SIDE WALKS,
DAMP COURSE,
CONCRETE ROOFS
UNDERGROUND TANKS
FANCY TILES
and Blocks for Sidewalks and Stables. Everlasting Wear.
ASPHALT PAINT—no more Damp Walls.
PATENT ASPHALTUM COMPANY, Limited. Store and Office, 318, KENT-STREET.

TO PLASTERERS and OTHERS.
TENDERS are invited for Plasterers' Work to large House, Darling Point-road, specifications for which may be seen at the Architects' Offices, where tenders are to be delivered by 12 noon on WEDNESDAY, 6th January, 1886.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
WARDELL and VERNON, Architects.
Bank-chambers, Jamieson-street.

TO CONTRACTORS.
TENDERS will be received until 12 noon, TUESDAY, January 5th, 1886, for the Erection of Arches and Retaining Wall of new road at Milson's Point, North Shore, for the N. S. S. F. Co. For plans and specifications apply to
W. KELLY, Architect,
corner of Hunter and Bligh streets.

TENDERS for Spars, Ironwork, Carpenters' work, Rigging, Sails, and Labour, are required for repairs to ship Earl Granville.
Specification can be seen at the office of the undersigned.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
GEORGE R. DIBBS, Agent,
253, George-street.

TENDERS
are invited from duly qualified medical practitioners for Medical Attendance on the members of the Rose of Richmond Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U. A guarantee of 70 members will be given, with a probability of 80 soon. State price per head quarterly. Further particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Post-office, Richmond, N. S. W.

TO BUILDERS.
TENDERS received to 14th January for Erection of ENTRANCE LODGE at WAVERLEY.
HERBERT S. THOMPSON, Architect,
17 and 18, Eldon-chambers, 92, Pitt-street.

TENDERS are invited for Erection of new Schoolrooms at the back of Waterloo Congregational Church, Botany-road.
Plans and specifications to be seen at Mr. George Fowles', grocer, George-street, Waterloo, where tenders are to be sent in not later 7th January.

TENDERS will be received up to 4 p.m. on MONDAY, 4th January, from persons desirous of purchasing the SOLE RIGHT to sell Refreshments at the Third Trotting Meeting of Sydney Driving Park Club.
F. WEBSTER, Secretary.
Box 317, G.P.O.

TENDERS invited for Excavation and Quarrying at the New Graving Dock, Biloela, long job. All particulars can be obtained from the Foreman of Works. Tenders to be sent in not later than 12 noon on SATURDAY, 2nd January, 1886.

TO BRICKMAKERS.—TENDERS invited for supply of 100,000 Bricks, to be delivered to Enmore-road, opposite Cambridge-street. Open until January 4th. Apply for particulars to Weeks White, Town Hall, Waterloo.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS required for erection of Weatherboard SCHOOL, Woollahra. Plans, &c.,
Mr. RAMSAY,
69, Arcade, King-street.

TENDER.—BRICKWORK, labour only, of 3-storey House, Phillip-st. Harley, Builder, High Holborn-st., S. H.

TENDERS required for Plumbers' work four cottages. Apply V. Braunbeck, builder, Kogarah.

TENDERS for Plastering Mr. Fitzpatrick's house, Hunter's Hill; plans on job.

TENDERS wanted for Sinking a Tank at Field of Mars Common. Apply 16, Park-street.

TENDERS are invited for Plastering Villa near Tempe Station. Apply G. Souter.

TENDERS wanted for Plastering. Mr. Franks, Alexandria-street, Alexandria.

TENDERS wanted for Carpenters' and Joiners' work (labour only). P. Romey, May-street, St. Peters.

TENDERS for Rubble Foundations. Apply new buildings, opposite Post-office, Botany-road, Waterloo.

TENDERS, Carpenters' work (labour only). Apply new buildings, opposite Post-office, Botany-road, Waterloo.

TO PAINTERS.—Wanted, TENDERS for Painting a house. Flight, Edward-street South, Golden Grove.

TO PLASTERERS.—TENDERS required for Plastering, labour only. Apply B. Jarman, builder, Newtown.

TO PLASTERERS.—TENDERS invited for the Labour of 5 cottages. Apply Jacob Braunbeck, Rockdale.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.—Try FULLER and CO.'S splendid Stock, good and cheap. 385-7, George-street.

Public Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.
In the matter of the WILL (exemplified copy) of WILLIAM CROW, late of Campbelltown, in Tasmania, Gentleman, deceased.
ALL CREDITORS and other Persons having Claims against the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are requested to send in particulars thereof to Messrs. WANT, JOHNSON, and CO., of 60, Pitt-street, Sydney, the Proctors for the Executor of the Will of the said deceased, on or before the eighteenth day of January next, after which date no claims will be recognised.
Dated at Sydney this 7th day of December, 1885.
WANT, JOHNSON, and CO.,
Proctors for the Executor,
60, Pitt-street, Sydney.

ASSIGNED ESTATE
of
JOHN MILLS AND SONS,
and
JACKSON AND CO.
Final Dividend in abovenamed Estates now payable at the office of the undersigned. Promissory notes must be produced.
DONALD CORMACK,
corner of George and Bond streets.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Will of WILLIAM STODDART, late of 136, Burton-street, Builder, deceased.
All persons having CLAIMS against the Estate of the above-named deceased are requested to furnish particulars thereof to the undersigned at once.
JONES and JONES,
Solicitors for the Executors,
77, Pitt-street, Sydney.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PARTNERSHIP lately subsisting between us, the undersigned, ALEXANDER COOK and JOHN FINN, as Carriers, at Engine-street, Darling Harbour, under the style of COOK and COMPANY, was this day DISSOLVED by mutual consent; and that all debts due and owing to or by the late firm will be received and paid by the said Alexander Cook. Dated the 29th day of December, 1885.
A. COOK. J. FINN.
Witness—ROBERT J. AMIES, Clerk to Mr. John Williamson, Solicitor.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND MISSION TO SEAMEN.
ARCHDEACON KING thankfully acknowledges the following subscriptions towards the rent of Trafalgar House, collected by a lady. Other sums have been kindly promised:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Hale	5	5	0	Hon. S. H. Terry	1	1	0
Miss Hale	1	1	0	Mr. H. Levien	1	1	0
Miss A. Hale	1	1	0	Mr. Peate	1	1	0
Mrs. Merriman	2	2	0	Mr. F. Macdermott	1	1	0
Mrs. Carl Fisher	1	1	0	Mr. Moore	1	1	0
Miss Fisher	1	1	0	Mr. Benusan	1	1	0
Captain Broomfield	1	1	0	Mr. Cowlishaw	1	1	0
Mr. B. B. Nicoll	1	1	0	Mr. F. J. Humphrey	1	1	0
Mr. Randolph Want	1	1	0				

Also for the Furniture:—
Mr. L. J. Harnett ... £0 10 6 | Mr. H. Franks ... £0 10 6
ROBERT L. KING, Secretary.

THE COMMITTEE of the Church Home, 242, Forbes-street, gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following DONATIONS towards a Christmas dinner to the inmates, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Henry Mort	1	0	0	Mrs. Wilkinson	0	10	0
Mrs. W. R. Campbell	1	0	0	Mrs. Gilles	0	5	0
Mrs. W. Laidley	1	1	0	Miss Forster	0	5	0

Also, 1 case of fruit, from Mrs. W. Laidley
8 dozen gingerbeer, Mrs. W. Starkey
1 dozen limejuice, Mrs. J. D. Monk.
W. S. DOCKER, Hon. Treasurer.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.
All ACCOUNTS against the above Club must be rendered on or before the 31st instant.
T. S. CLIBBORN, Secretary.

NOTICE.—All ACCOUNTS against this Company must be rendered on or before the 7th January, 1886.
RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.
Clarence and Richmond River S. N. Co., 3, Sussex-street.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—All ACCOUNTS owing to the firm of GOUGH and BLOW, Wood, Coal, and Produce Merchants, Paddington, are requested to be paid on or before January 10, 1886. Gough and Blow, 391, Oxford-st., Paddington.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN SLATE COMPANY, Limited.
Gentlemen,—I desire to inform you that I have resigned my seat as a Director on the Board of your Company.
W. T. POOLE.
Redfern, December 30, 1885.

SYDNEY MECHANICS' SCHOOL OF ARTS.
COMMENCEMENT OF NEW QUARTER.
SUBSCRIPTIONS for the ensuing year may be paid in advance. £1 per annum; 5s per quarter.
Annual Subscribers may take Magazines, in addition to ordinary issue of books.
A Life Member's Ticket, costing only £8, would form a valuable New Year's Gift.
JOHN HENDERSON, Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.
THE FRIENDS of the Inmates of the above Asylum are respectfully informed that the VISITING DAY will be postponed to the 15th JANUARY, the first Friday in the month being a public holiday.
I. J. JOSEPHSON, Hon. Sec.

THE Public are hereby cautioned not to give any person credit in my name (more especially my Wife, Martha Emma Greenhill) without my written authority. THOMAS GREENHILL, Somerset Villa, Enmore-road.

NOTICE.—My wife, FLORENCE AMY MAY, having left her home, No. 203, Albion-street, without cause, I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract.
December 30. C. H. MAY.

DINER DE PARIS,
MORT'S PASSAGE.
PUBLIC NOTICE.
THIS DAY, December 31st.
Real Turtle Soup (as made in the Turtle and Ship Tavern, London).
One Shilling extra.
Dinner included.
A. COCHIN, Proprietor.

THE undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, January 2, 1886:—
Australian General Assurance Company
Australian Alliance Assurance Company
Australian Mutual Fire
Australian Mercantile Union
Adelaide Marine and Fire Assurance Company
Alliance Marine Assurance Company
Batavia Insurance Company
China Traders Insurance Company, Limited
Colonial Mutual Insurance Company
City Mutual
City of London
Cornwall
Derwent and Tamar Assurance Company
Equitable Fire and Marine Insurance Association, New Zealand
Federal Marine Insurance Company of Zurich
Guardian
Indemnity Insurance Company
Imperial
Industrial Mutual
Liverpool and London and Globe
London and Lancashire
Manchester
Mercantile Mutual
Mercantile Marine Insurance Company of South Australia
National Insurance Company of New Zealand
New Zealand Insurance Company
North China Insurance Company, Limited
North British and Mercantile
Northern
Norwich Union
Pacific Insurance Company
Phœnix
Queen
South British Insurance Company
Standard Fire and Marine Insurance Company
Southern Insurance Company
Sun
Transatlantic Marine Insurance Company of Berlin
United Insurance Company
United Australian Mutual Insurance Company
Union Insurance Society of Canton
Union Insurance Company of New Zealand
Victoria Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of the undersigned will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, January 1, and will be OPENED on SATURDAY, January 2, until 1 o'clock as usual.
F. LASSETTER and CO., Limited.

THE OFFICES and STORES of the undersigned will be CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1886.
J. R. LOVE and CO.,
99, Bathurst-street.

OUR Warehouse will be CLOSED on Friday and Saturday next, 1st and 2nd January.
E. PROSSER and CO., Wholesale Druggists, O'Connell-street.

THE Warehouse of the undersigned will be OPEN on Saturday morning next, until 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for delivery of goods. JOHN WILSON and CO., Importers and Warehousemen, 39, York-street, Sydney. Sydney, 30th Dec.

ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT AND LAND COMPANY, Limited.
The Offices of the above Company will be CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 1st and 2nd January, 1886.
WILLIAM CLARKE, Manager.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
THOMPSON and GILES.
Our Establishments will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 2nd of January.
DENISON HOUSE.

NOTICE.
The Warehouse of the undersigned will not be opened on SATURDAY, January 2, 1886. R. GRAY, SON, and CO.

THE OFFICES of the undersigned will be CLOSED for business from THURSDAY Evening, 31st instant, until MONDAY Morning, 4th proximo.
HARRISON and ATTWOOD,
251, George-street, Sydney.

THE HAYMARKET PERMANENT LAND, BUILDING, and INVESTMENT COMPANY, Limited. Offices—Corn Exchange, Haymarket.
The offices of the above Company will be CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1886.
J. W. DUESBURY, Manager.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.
Our Establishment will be CLOSED from THURSDAY EVENING, 31st instant, till MONDAY MORNING, January 4th.
DAVID JONES and COMPANY.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.—Try FULLER and CO.'S splendid Stock, good and cheap. 385-7, George-street.

ALL Fresh, Bright, Beautiful NEW YEAR CARDS at FULLER'S To-day, 385 and 387, George-street.

OUR ESTABLISHMENT will be CLOSED
on FRIDAY, 1st, and SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1886.
W. H. PALING and CO., Limited,
356, George-street.

AUCTIONEERS' NOTICE.
Our Offices will be CLOSED on SATURDAY NEXT, the 2nd January.
WATKIN and WATKIN,
Property Auctioneers,
281, Pitt-street.

CLOSING NOTICE.
To give our employees the full benefit of the holidays, our establishment will be CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY NEXT.
CAMPBELL BROTHERS,
Royal Furnishing Arcade,
426, George-street.

CALLAGHAN and SON, Premier Boot and Shoe House, beg to notify that their establishment will be CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd January. 393, George-street.

PURCHASE your Furniture at the Royal Furnishing Arcade.
CAMPBELL BROTHERS,
426, George-street.

TOWN HALL COFFEE PALACE.
Closing of Old Year. Grand Luncheon. Special bill of fare, including Fish, Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Pork, Roast Veal.
Monster Plum Pudding.

I C E.
CAUTION AGAINST IMITATION.
V. FARRAN is not in any way connected with A. Farran, and he does not authorise anyone to sell on his account, he being the only genuine, clean, and wholesome Ice Cream maker.
PARTIES AND PICNICS SUPPLIED.
Please note the address:
Corner of QUEEN and DENISON STREETS, WOOLLAHRA.

OPENING OF RAILWAY TO SUTHERLAND, Mr. KING'S Carrington Restaurant. First-class Luncheon 1s 6d; Sandwich and cup Tea, 6d.
Mr. KING, Proprietor.

GENTLEMAN CHIPS that was at Botany on Monday come to Botany on Friday, not Tennison. C., Oxford-street.

MADAME CHALK proceeds to Tasmania on the 30th November, returning Sydney end December.

MR. S. CHAIM, Dentist, Enmore-road, Newtown, will be absent from his office from 23rd inst. until January 14.

FREE ELECTRICAL and Medical Treatment daily at Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street, by Dr. BURNABY.

MR. EDWARD READING, Dentist, will be absent from his Rooms until the 2nd of January next. 53, Castlereagh-street.

WANTED, Masons to know that STRIKE still continues at Mr. Jennings' job, St. Patrick's College, Manly Beach.
W. EMSLIE, President.
J. YOUNGSON, Strike Secretary.
W. FERRIER, C. C. Secretary.

THE MANAGER of the NELSON SLUICING COMPANY, Macquarie River, reports the completion of the erection of the machinery, and at a trial of same, on the 24th December, everything was found to work satisfactorily. Regular work commenced on Jan. 4, when a good future is looked forward to, as the yield of gold at the trial proves the ground to be immensely rich.

GOLD DISCOVERED
IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
Extract from the Western Australian, December 5, 1885:—"A short time before his Excellency left Perth, two men, capable and practical diggers, brought to him at Government House for inspection, 8oz or 9oz of nuggety gold, which they had obtained after 5 or 6 days' prospecting, in one of the beds of a stream in the district. One of them asserted that he had collected by himself an ounce in one day, although he had to carry the dirt 800 yards to wash it."
THE CITY VIEW ESTATE
is situated to PERTH, the capital of Western Australia, as Redfern station is to the Sydney Town Hall. The Estate has been subdivided into large Building Blocks, and is now offered to the public at
SEVEN SHILLINGS and SIXPENCE per foot,
on very easy terms, viz.,
£3 Deposit on 1 block, £5 on 2 blocks, or £10 on 5 blocks. Balance, 10s per month per block.
NO INTEREST.
Call for Lithos, and all Particulars.
The INTERCOLONIAL INVESTMENT, LAND, and BUILDING COMPANY, Limited,
Bathurst-street (between George and Pitt-streets).
THOS. TATE, Managing Director.
W. H. WESTGARTH, Manager.

TRANSACT YOUR BUSINESS through the City Property Exchange, 415, Geo.-st. Campbell, Mitchell, & Co.

S. E. COLLOU'S GO-AHEAD LINE OF COACHES, Sydney to Cobar. Booking Office—90, Pitt-street.
Sydney—JOHN T. M'INNES and CO., Agents.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
THE STEARINE CANDLE MANUFACTURING CO., "APOLLO," IN SCHIEDAM, HOLLAND,
hereby give notice to the trade that, owing to the spurious imitations of their brand, the candles for the Australian and New Zealand market will in future simply bear on the usual labels the name of "SCHIEDAM."
They obtained—The MEDAL of MERIT at VIENNA, 1873.
The GOLD MEDAL at PARIS, 1878.
The GOLD MEDAL at AMSTERDAM, 1883.
Sole Export Agents—ELLIS KISLINGBURY and Co., LONDON.
Orders executed through London Order merchants.

WOOLGROWERS are respectfully informed that the undersigned are now receiving from Dundee WOOL-PACKS made especially for FINE WOOLS. These packs are EXTRA QUALITY: the weft is as fine as the warp; they have a bold blue and red stripe, are sewn with best flax twine, and WEIGH FULLY 11lb. Flockmasters will find these goods cheaper in the end than ordinary packs, as no PRESSING or DUMPING CAN BURST THEM.
A sample bale of 50 can be had on application.
CHAS. MOORE and CO.,
123, Pitt-street, Sydney.

A. A. DESNEY and CO.,
successors to
HOBSON and WHITING,
GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS, &c.
13, Hunter-street,
Sydney.

JACOBS, HART, and CO. have taken premises, 169, Clarence-street. INDENTS for European and American Merchandise executed. Liberal terms. London address, 2, London Wall-avenue, E.C.

SYDNEY MAIL.
XMAS NUMBER.
Suitable for Presentation to Country Friends.
Send orders to Office, Hunter-street,
enclosing 6d in stamps.

EIGHT HUNDRED SPLENDID ALLOTMENTS, Beaconsfield Estate, To-morrow. Bertram Smith, 89, King-st.

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OUR ST. PETERSBURG LETTER.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 14.

The politics of Russia concerning the Bulgarian question are assuming a definite form, and stand out now in bold relief in the official exclusion of Prince Battenberg from the position he occupied in the Russian army. This step was hardly expected here, though it had long since become evident that the Prince had entirely fallen in the esteem of the Emperor of Russia, even before the revolution of the 18th of September, which caused all the turmoil among the States of the Balkan Peninsula. This manifestation of the Emperor's dissatisfaction and indignation may at the same time be considered as a hint to Lord Salisbury, whose open approbation of the bold step taken by Prince Alexander has left a most disagreeable impression in St. Petersburg. The Government, however, seems anxious it should be understood that, notwithstanding the estrangement between Prince Alexander and Russia, the sympathies of the latter remain with the Bulgarian nation. The results of the conference at present taking place in Constantinople are not yet fully known, but it is evident that a strict preservation of the *status quo ante* can alone prevent the conflagration from spreading, and prolong the actual state of things between the European Powers and Turkey. The situation is admitted to be critical at present.

Judging from the German papers the exclusion of Prince Battenberg from the Russian army has made a strong impression at Berlin. The *National Zeitung* is of opinion that Russia by this step has declared herself to be in open enmity with the Prince, and that his deposition will be most likely required. Supposing that the frowning attitude of the Emperor of Russia towards his quondam protégé should have some weight at the conference, the *Gazette* concludes that at all events the Bulgarians will see any illusions they may have preserved concerning the good will of Russia to help them, dispelled. The *Borsen Courier* finds that after this great manifestation of discontent on the part of the Russian Emperor, Prince Alexander's position as king of a Slavonian country becomes untenable, and the chances of candidates to the throne of Bulgaria are being openly discussed. The Russian correspondents in Bulgaria, in their numerous and detailed accounts of current events, one and all agree that the movement altogether was the effect of party intrigues, and not of national enthusiasm as was at first supposed. The "will of the nation" had little to do with the affair.

This unfavourable wind blowing from the cold north may certainly to some degree be mitigated by the sympathy of powerful Albion, and perhaps of one or two other European nations. Some people find that Prince Battenberg has lost nothing by the change, and perhaps he thinks so himself. In general the Russians never were liked in Bulgaria. The Bulgarians will have either to seek other protectors or to become vassals of Russia, for in case war breaks out, and the great question has at last to be settled, it is not impossible that the Russians of to-day may prove different from those of 1878. The indecision shown by the members of the conference irritates Russia to the last degree. Great agitation reigns just now in all spheres, as no one expected this question to assume such importance just at present; so much depends on the peaceful solution of it, and the keeping within limits these little principalities which give no rest to the principal performers in the European concert. From a correspondence printed in one of the official gazettes, it appears that Prince Battenberg gained the sympathy of the people by assuring them that the Emperor of Russia desired the union of Bulgaria and East Roumelia, and in general gave out that the whole thing was undertaken with the full cognisance and approval of Russia. The indignation of the Czar on hearing of the revolution, and the immediate recall of the Russian officers in the Bulgarian army, placed Prince Battenberg in the most awkward situation. But it was too late to go back, under fear of losing the throne, to preserve which the Prince risked his honour and the future interests of the nation. It is moreover thought that he would never have risked incurring the displeasure of Russia had he not been well assured of the support of England. Many Russian diplomatists disapprove of the present attitude of Russia in this question, as it is feared that she will lose the slight hold she still has over the Bulgarians and Servians, and that in general she may have the worst of it in a struggle with England for supremacy on the Peninsula. This opinion, however, is shared but by few persons. In general, war is by no means desired, and every measure possible to avoid it will be taken. All seems, however, to prove that this struggle, undesirable though it be, may be near, and will be but the continuation of that begun in Central Asia. The manner in which England has put her finger in this Slavonian pie is gall and wormwood for the Slavonophiles. The speech of the Marquis of Salisbury at the Guildhall banquet on the 10th November has contributed to strengthen the impression that England begins to differ more and more from Russia on the question of these principalities and their future destiny. The latest news concerning the discussions at the Conference and the direction these polemics seem to be taking have also caused the Petersburgians to bristle with indignation. Russia stands up for the strict restoration of the *status quo*; Europe is well acquainted with past events in Bulgaria, and upon what considerations Russian politics in that country were founded. The Government cannot and will not suffer the union of the two Bulgarias, in view of, and for the sake of, those hidden motives which inspired Prince Battenberg and Caravelli when they took the matter into their hands. Russia requires the re-establishment of the *status quo*, because she sees therein the only means to force Servia and Greece to give up their pretentions, and not to admit that the Bulgarian nation, liberated by Russia, and called by Russia to an independent political existence, should be entirely removed out of the sphere of her moral influence. If the representatives of the other Powers at the Conference continue to place the question on a ground not accepted by Russia, the latter will have nothing left but to retire altogether from the Conference which in that case, of course, can lead to no practical result. Once removed from the concert, and forced to act apart, it is hardly likely that Russia will remain a passive spectator of coming events. If the possibility of defending the Russian interests in the Eastern question on the strength of the treaty of Berlin disappears, nothing prevents the St. Petersburg Cabinet from seeking other guarantees. Such are the current opinions on the subject, and it can be said as a rule that more or less everyone is agreed that it will never do to leave an instrument of England and open enemy of Russia on the Bulgarian throne.

If one considers this question impartially, setting aside all political passion, there is in reality no reason why the relations between Russia and Bulgaria, such as they are, should change. The past may be considered as liquidated. The Bulgarians having attained a complete independence, found that their liberators, inferior in culture to themselves, constrained them, and opposed their ideas of union with the other Slavonian States. Leaving aside the question of how this may have been in the past, at present it cannot with any justice be said that Russia lies in any way as a weight upon Bulgaria. Neither in Bulgaria nor in East Roumelia has a single Russian functionary, either civil or military, been left; Bulgarians have taken care to oust the Russians out of their dominions as if they had been foes instead of liberators, and the Russians have become as foreign to them as the Germans or Turks. But, th[e] once admitted, whence comes the great ind[ign]ation of the Bulgarians at the recall of the Russian officers from the ranks of their army? Whence the dismay at Prince Battenberg's removal from the Russian army? Why the universal astonishment that Russia did not lend help to make this revolution against Turkey, and fail to approve of the manner in which it was done? The Bulgarians have not the shadow of a justification in accusing Russian diplomacy for not supporting them in the violation of the Treaty of Berlin; at the same time it must be admitted that the Russians have no reason to be so severe towards the Bulgarians, for it is now a proved fact that the part the nation took in the revolution was taken under the impression that the whole thing was desired and approved by the Emperor of Russia.

From drawing-rooms and ballrooms the French language—sign of a good education in Russia—has been banished, and with it has vanished that light, graceful, often witty conversation which rendered the Russian women of the past reigns so charming; indeed, conversation seems to be banished from society altogether, at large parties is replaced by card-playing and very ... A Russian author, in a book about English ... a great deal about the "horrid execution of music in London private circles." He probably never listened to the same in his own country!

The brilliant masquerades which used to take place at the Assembly rooms 40 years ago, and which were frequented by all the aristocracy, have descended many degrees from their exalted locality to theatres, clubs, and, finally, cafés-chantants, and no woman who respects herself ever appears at one. Instead of an atmosphere of refinement, filled with the soft tones of gentlewomen and distinguished cavaliers; instead of the light laugh, the witty repartee, the gentle banter under the shadow of the mask; instead of the mystery and romance which gave their charms to these reunions, you behold a sort of pandemonium, where drunken brawls are one of the chief elements. These balls are frequented by the Russian merchants, the *national* bourgeoisie, and the demi-monde, and one would seek in vain there for amusement or conversation, witty or otherwise. The only really distinguished public is that which assiduously frequents the Symphonic concerts at the Assembly. These musical festivals are generally as remarkable for the excellent quality of the music as for the admirable execution. There are to be ten this season, all directed by Hans Bulow.

A new book has just appeared in Paris entitled "Les Grands Maîtres de la Litterature Russe au 19me Siecle," by Ernest Dupuy. It has not yet been received in St. Petersburg, or, at least, is not yet on sale; but a critique on it has appeared in one of the French periodicals, in which it is spoken of very lightly. It treats principally of Torgueneff, Tolstoy, and Gogal. In the preface the author says:—"There is no help for it, we are gradually impregnated with the Russian (*nous nous impregnons de Russe*). Russia is now the fashion, and we are fain to make more intimate acquaintance with her customs, her literature, and her art." Indeed it is a thing to be wondered at that the world has taken so long to discover the merits and excellences of the Russians, and has considered them hitherto a people outside the pale of civilisation. The French were the first to perceive this mistake, and once the impulse given, it may be that this Russo mania will soon spread over all the world, and Russian books will be read, Russian painters appreciated, and Russian music executed everywhere. The exhibition of Verishaginn's pictures in Vienna is attracting crowds, though it cannot be said that the critics are very favourable concerning most of these productions. That the Russians in the art of painting have made gigantic steps forward no one will venture to deny, though the most modern painters have adopted a realistic tendency often deprived of real inspiration. The Vienna critics cry out that Verishaginn's enormous pictures have the effect of magnified illustrations. This is a little hard upon the artist, but the observation is at bottom true. It is all too real, too glaring, too horrible. Beppin's famous picture of John the Terrible after he has killed his son is a thing that makes you shudder and turn away; women faint before it. The great masters could no doubt have painted such pictures, but were deterred by an æsthetic feeling which is the very soul of painting. In this the Russian artists are deficient; they know no measure, no curb to their imagination, and always prefer to depict ugliness and squalor to beauty. Something in the national character, no doubt the absence of an ideal, without which there is no real grandeur in art. Verishaginn is unfortunate, too, in the choice of his subjects. Only a Russian painter would depict the entrance of the Prince of Wales and suite into an Indian town upon elephants large as life. The thing looks just like the drop curtain at a theatre, and makes no impression whatever.

This year the autumn is more than usually prolonged. There has been no frost as yet, and the navigation is still open. Last week the ironclad frigate Admiral Nahimoff was launched; two others are now in process of construction.

NEW CALEDONIA.

From files of newspapers received on Tuesday from New Caledonia, we learn that there is no cessation in the number of crimes and evasions associated with the convict life of this penal settlement. Between the 20th and 30th of November 18 escapees were notified, of whom 16 were ultimately captured. A telegram from Canala, dated December 1st, announced that the corpse of a ticket-of-leave man had been found on the route to Thio. On the 24th of November a carter residing at Noumea was travelling on the road to Pont des Francais, when suddenly two convicts ran out from the bush and threw themselves upon him, crying out, "Your money or your life." In the twinkling of an eye they searched his pockets, and relieved him of 60 francs. The gendarmerie were informed of the robbery, and the account of the prisoners was sent to the nearest camp, which was at Kontio-Konéta, where the warder-in-chief stated that no less than seven convicts had escaped from his custody.

The rumours which have recently been circulated of an impending insurrection in the north of the island do not appear to have any foundation in fact. We know (says the *Neo Caledonien*) from a reliable source, and from witnesses whose veracity is unchallenged, that there has been in the tribes of the central chain no other agitation than that caused by the abduction of a native woman. This has resulted in a conflict between the partisans of the lover and the allies of the woman, and there has resulted a battle between the two tribes, in which three men were killed and several were wounded. Finally it was determined to leave the settlement of the matter between the chiefs and old men of the two tribes, as is the usual practice after blood has once been spilt.

Some disgraceful scenes have lately been witnessed in the streets of Noumea. Says a local newspaper: "Yesterday, as upon all Sundays, the streets of Noumea were overrun by bands of drunken kanakas, or kanakas who simulated drunkenness. When the members of tribes at enmity with each other met they engaged in combat, and made the air thick with missiles and wild shrieks. The same night a troupe of these drunken rascals attacked six young men—whites—and inflicted severe wounds on some of them.

There have been a number of bush-fires recently in various parts of the island. One of the most alarming occurred in the valley of the colonists, where it seriously menaced several properties; indeed, the fences surrounding them had taken fire before the flames could be extinguished. Some squads of soldiers (infantry and artillery), sailors, and also a number of convicts were at once despatched to the scene of the fire; and, thanks to the promptness of the aid received, the fire was brought within control in about four hours.

At the close of last month there was a welcome fall of rain in the island, nearly every district receiving a share. The fall was much needed.

The English ship Ceara, cruising to the New Hebrides, recruiting kanakas for the colony of Queensland, has been wrecked at Lacona, Banks Islands. The crew was rescued by the Marie.

A duel was recently fought on the racecourse at Anse Vata, between M. Hillairet and M. Robert Canolle. The dispute which led up to the meeting arose from a matter engaging the attention of the law courts. The combatants fired at a distance of 25 metres. Two shots having been exchanged without result, the seconds declared that honour had been satisfied.

INTERCOLONIAL ITEMS.

The *Geelong Advertiser* reports that the police station at Queenscliff was severely battered and knocked about by some roughs early on Christmas morning. The fence enclosing it was almost denuded of its palings, only one or two of them being left in their places. The structure is weatherboard, and one of the boards was stove in by a tremendous stone. It is believed that the missile was intended for Senior-constable Rogers, who, had he been hit, must certainly have been killed.

Mr. Richard Honey, of Adelaide, owner of the barque Mary Blair, has received a telegram from Fremantle from Captain Askin, stating that a sad accident happened there. The ship's boat, containing four men, was capsized, and the mate and one man were drowned. The mate's name is James Hobby, of Mary-street, Glanville, and he leaves a wife and family.

On Friday, December 18, a terrific thunderstorm and hurricane broke over the Bremer Ranges, about three miles north-east from Kanmantoo (says the *Mount Barker Courier*), accompanied by vast volumes of rain, hail, and ice, doing considerable damage in its course. Towards Springfield the hillsides were washed clear from manure and what little grass there was; fences were swept away, fruit trees and vines stripped of their fruit and foliage, and left as bare as in winter. In half an hour the Bremer was converted from a chain of waterholes to a flowing river. The Bremer has not been so high for nearly two years before.

For some time past a few enterprising local residents have been making arrangements for the establishment of a fishing company to take and cure fish for export in Pelorus Sound and the waters in the neighbourhood at Wellington, New Zealand. Their labours so far have been brought to a successful issue (says the *Otago Daily Times*), and they will be in a position to commence active operations in a very short time. An English expert (Mr. E. B. Somerset) has been brought from home to superintend operations, and he has already made the discovery that the waters of Pelorus abound with true sardines. The company's works will be situated in Anakora, Guard's Bay, where they have 10 acres on perpetual lease. Not only do the company intend to cure fish, but they propose undertaking the manufacture of fish manure from shark and other of the coarser fish which are to be found in the sounds opposite Wellington in great abundance. The bonus for the first 200 tons of cured fish exported from New Zealand amounts to £1800; for the first 1000 tons, £4700; and during the next seven years the Government will be liable for a sum exceeding £2900 for bonuses on fish exports. The limit of quantity on which bonuses can be paid during that period for export of cured fish is 6000 tons, and the amount payable on that quantity is £29,100.

MAURITIUS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PORT LOUIS, DEC. 11.

The event of the month has been the publication of the Letters Patent altering the constitution of the Council of Government. These were read at the last meeting of the Council, and then proclaimed. Since then three proclamations have been issued, supplying the machinery for framing the electoral roll. The district magistrate in each district has been appointed registering officer, and is aided by an assistant, who is a barrister-at-law. The latter registers all claims to be enrolled, decides whether the qualifications of each voter are sufficient and otherwise valid, and publishes a list of such, in order that all objections against voters may be gone into and finally decided. The elections are fixed from the 14th January next, to take place in each district on separate days, beginning with Black River and ending with Grand Port and Savanne.

I regret to have to notice the foundering of the Merchantman, on the 17th September last, in the Gulf of Bengal, a few days after she left the Sand Heads, when, with the exception of the first officer and a Lascar, all on board perished. Among the passengers were five Mauritians—Messrs. A. Noel, F. Brun, J. Bernon, Phelines, and E. Heynemans, all of them health officers of some years' standing engaged in our coolie ships. These unfortunate gentlemen were returning to Mauritius, as this Government lately decided that only medical men holding English University degrees should for the future be entrusted with coolies. Captain Mourilyan, who commanded this vessel, has traded with this island for many years, and was much respected.

The association formed to publish the newspaper *La Sentinelle de Maurice*, having decided to sell the paper, it was put up to public auction and knocked down to Sir Virgile Naz and Dr. Edwards for 6000rs. It is now edited by Mr. Emilian Basset. Mr. L'Homme, the former editor, has started a paper of his own, called *Le Droit*. This makes the seventh daily newspaper we have in this small place, besides several weeklies.

We have again a case of smallpox at the quarantine station of Gabriel Island, which was brought here by s.s. Taif, from Bombay, via Zanzibar and Mozambique. By latest accounts the patient is progressing favourably. At Seychelles also there is a case at Long Island quarantine station, which was landed from H.M.S. Bacchante.

The Supreme Court here has just given its judgment on the preliminary objection raised in the case of Wilkinson against Pickersgill as to the jurisdiction over consuls in Madagascar that the Court has. By this judgment they have laid down that they have jurisdiction, and have ordered the case to proceed on its merits. This is an action of some importance, and is brought by a British subject lately resident in Madagascar, who sues H. M. Vice-Consul at Antannanarivo for damages resulting from his summary expulsion from that country.

The Government bank notes issued by our Treasury have been found worthy of imitating, and a very fair imitation was attempted to be passed off in Reunion Island; but our neighbours were too sharp for the culprit, a Mr. Fauque, a Mauritian, and he is now reflecting on the vicissitudes of life under a two years' sentence from the Assize Court of St. Denis.

The proclamation which was issued over five years ago for the protection of the small birds of the colony lately lapsed; it was found, however, to have produced so much good that the Acclimatization Society asked that it should be again put in force for a further period of five years, and this has accordingly been done.

We heard by last mail that the Messageries Maritimes Company have decided to introduce certain changes in the Australian line of steamers. They hope to double the number of steamers running in two or three years' time, and thus make it a fortnightly service. In view of these changes, the French Government is ready to double their present subsidy, which is 82 francs per mile.

A monument erected by public subscription to the memory of the late Dr. Horace Beaugeard was last week unveiled in the Western Cemetery, in the presence of the Governor and most of the leading men of this town. It may be remembered that this good man fell a victim to his duty when superintendent of the quarantine (smallpox) station on Gabriel Island two years ago.

The s.s. Rivena, which arrived on the 8th instant from Vohemar, brings us no news concerning the French or the Hova movements. Our last news direct from Tamatave goes to show that much more sickness exists amongst the French troops than is admitted. This is not to be wondered at, as they have been so long blockaded by the Hovas.

The list of claimants entitled to vote at the January elections has just been published. It contains 4061 names in all, and is divided as follows:—Port Louis, 1989; Planies Nilhems, 658; Grand Port, 273; Pamplemousses, 270; Flacq, 222; Savanne, 192; Moka, 187; Riviere du Rempart, 168; Black River, 112. The following are the candidates for election:—Port Louis, Hons. W. Newton, Ferguson, G. Guibert, Dr. Beaugeard, and G. de Cinolis; Pamplemousses, Drs. de Rosnay and Edwards, Planel; Riviere du Rempart, L. Rouillard and E. Auteleme; Flacq, Hon. H. Adam; Grand Port, Portal, Gallet, Fabien, Rault, and Barlow; Savanne, Sir V. Naz, K.C.M.G.; Black River, Hon. V. Geffroy, T. and A. Pitot; Moka, H. Leclezio; Planies Milhems, Hon. C. Auteline, C.M.G., and P. A. Ambrose.

The sugar crop of the island is far advanced, and a good guess may now be made of what the total output is likely to be. Last year we made 130,000 tons, but this crop is not likely to exceed 105,000 tons. Such a diminution means a heavy loss at the present moment when landed property has suffered the unprecedented fall in value that it has been our lot to see for the last two years. Of course, if prices go up this large loss will be lessened. At the present moment a serious question to face is the probability of such a fall, as it is difficult to say where the pruning knife can be applied, expenses having been reduced fully one-fourth, and to go lower may seriously impair efficient working.

The gas company in Port Louis have offered to erect a small works at Beau Bassin to supply the central prisons, the lunatic asylum, and the Barkly asylum, but the offer has been declined by Government.

The following interesting note on the November star shower of the 27th ultimo was sent to the press of the colony by our able meteorologist, Dr. C. Meldrum, F.R.S.:—"The first meteors were seen at 8.35 p.m., and the shower lasted till about 1 a.m. From 9·01 to 9·09 p.m. about 204 meteors of magnitudes 1 to 5 were counted, and from 9·09 to 9·16 p.m. 192, although a great part of the sky was covered with clouds. The radiant part seemed to be near *g*. Andromedæ, and the meteors travelled to S.E., S., and S.W., chiefly to S., generally followed by trains of soft light, varying from 5· to 30· in length, the largest meteors vanishing near the horizon. Between 9·24 and 10·40 p.m. the sky was completely overcast by heavy threatening clouds, and some rain fell. But from 10·40 to 10·50 glimpses of Aries, Taurus, and Orion were got, and in that interval six large meteors, with long trains, passed between *a*. Arietis and the Pleiades, and three more from 0.30 to 0.40 a.m. The sky then began to clear up towards N.W. and North, and watch was kept till 1.15 a.m., but no more meteors were seen.

When, so far as could be seen, the shower was at the maximum, between 9.01 and 9·09 p.m., the meteors came in groups of two to four or five, or in very quick succession, followed by lulls.

AN ADVENTUROUS VOYAGE.

Further particulars are to hand respecting the adventurous voyage of the schooner Pearl along the north-west coast of Australia. It will be remembered that soon after the Pearl left Port Darwin the master (Captain Rickenson) and the mate (Mr. Shenton) were murdered by blacks, and the vessel went on in charge of Captain Davis. But the latter fell ill, and Mr. Fox, who replaced him, felt it his duty to turn back to Port Darwin when the vessel had reached Derby, but unfortunately the captain died nine days before Port Darwin was reached. The return voyage was thus described by Mr. Fox to a representative of the *Northern Territory Times*:—"Captain Davis being ill, I took charge, and left Derby as soon as possible to make all haste to Port Darwin, in order to procure medical aid for the captain, who, I thought, was sinking fast. The cause of his death was the result of long exposure in an open boat in my company from Cambridge Gulf to King's Sound, when he went to take charge of the schooner. While on this trip we put into a small island, about two miles north of Bigge Island, not marked on the chart; we went ashore and found it swarming with cannibals whom we saw eating human flesh. But to return to our trip up from Derby, which we left on the 11th November; everything went all right, and we had good weather and fair winds until the 15th, when the captain died. I then made for Condillac Island, which I reached at 5 p.m. on the 15th. I did not like to bury the captain at once, so waited till morning, when after making the coffin we went ashore and buried the body, but had to keep a watch on the natives with loaded firearms in our hands for fear of a surprise. After leaving this island we had a fair wind until abreast of Admiralty Gulf, where I was forced to find shelter, but soon came out and started on our way again."

LAW REPORT.

INSOLVENCY COURT.—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

SURRENDER.

George Charles Taylor, of Liverpool, tailor. Liabilities, £210 10s.; assets, £97 5s. Mr. F. Macnab, official assignee.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.

WEDNESDAY.

First Court.—(*Before Mr. District Court Judge* DOWLING.)

CA. SA. SUMMONSES.

Several *ca. sa.* and garnishee summonses were dealt with.

SCANLAN V. M'AULEY.

To recover £18 1s. 3d. for work and labour done. Verdict for the plaintiff.

AH QUIN V. LEVY.

To recover £23 15s. for goods sold and delivered. Verdict for the plaintiff.

KIMBER V. KISS AND ANOTHER.

To recover £15 15s., the proceeds of the sale of a horse sold by the defendants for the plaintiff. Mr. Murdoch appeared for the plaintiff and obtained a verdict.

M'HUGH V. LANG.

To recover £13 13s. 6d. for goods sold and delivered. Verdict for the plaintiff.

ZIONS V. MEYER.

To recover £48 due for rent. Verdict for the plaintiff.

Second Court.—(*Before Mr. District Court Judge* WILKINSON.)

MACNAB V. SELIG.

In this case Francis Macnab, official assignee of the insolvent estate of Joseph Henry Marsh, sued A. J. Selig to recover £200 for that the defendant, before the sequestration of the said estate, wrongfully converted to his own use, and deprived the plaintiff of various valuable shop-fittings and other goods and chattels; also for that after the sequestration of the estate the defendant wrongfully converted to his own use the goods already mentioned; also that the defendant wrongfully detained those goods from the plaintiff, who claimed them as official assignee of the Marsh estate. Mr. Pilcher, instructed by Holdsworth and Evans, appeared for the plaintiff, and Dr. Sly, instructed by Mr. L. Levy, for the defence. The defence was that the goods claimed were fixtures, and that Selig, who claimed to have leased the premises in which they were from one Kinchela, had a right to refuse to give them up. The plaintiff called evidence to show that the goods were not fixtures, and that both Selig and Kinchela had notice from the insolvent that they belonged to the official assignee, and that he himself, a weekly tenant of the premises, had erected the fittings. Verdict for £70.

LANGLEY V. LANG AND ANOTHER.

To recover £38 7s. 4d., for goods sold and delivered. Mr. J. Shepherd appeared for the plaintiff, and recovered a verdict.

BRINGER V. BROWN.

To recover £43, due in monthly payments, to be made by agreement. Mr. Gillespie appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Sanders for the defence. Verdict by consent for £43.

The Court then adjourned until February next.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.

The Court will sit as in Banco on Thursday, the 31st instant, at 11 o'clock, to deliver judgment on the demurrer in Suttor v. Moore.

Prothonotary's Office.—Re Cohen, half-past 10.

POLICE.

A young man named *John Chappell* was brought before Mr. G. O'Malley Clarke, S.M., at the CENTRAL POLICE COURT yesterday, charged with having assaulted Constable Quealy in the execution of his duty. The assault was committed at Pyrmont when the constable was arresting a prisoner named Horace Murray, who was sentenced on the previous day for assaulting the constable, Murray having called some other roughs to his assistance, and between them they inflicted several severe injuries. Chappell was sent to gaol for six months, with hard labour. *Thomas Willows* was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on a charge of having attempted to commit suicide. He had been found sitting in a chair at his lodgings with the blood flowing from a cut in the throat, and he afterwards admitted that he had tried to kill himself, as he was tired of life. *William Grant* was charged with having stolen 15 canaries, valued at £20, the property of W. G. Lavington, of Maitland. The owner had left 44 birds in the charge of a man living at the Glebe, with whom the prisoner lodged, on Christmas Day; the prisoner went out, and 15 of the canaries were missed; the prisoner, who was an omnibus driver, in the employ of the Sydney Omnibus Company, went to Mr. Clyne, the manager, and got a birdcage from him, into which he put about 10 canaries that he had in his pockets, telling Mr. Clyne that they were his own, and that he could have some of them for taking care of them. The person in whose charge they had been left found the birds at Mr. Clyne's, and identified them, as did the owner. Prisoner was committed to the Quarter Sessions.

Mr. Addison, S.M., presided in the Charge Division of the WATER POLICE COURT yesterday. *John Fitzgerald*, a painter, was ordered to pay £15, the value of three panes of glass which he had wilfully broken at the Supreme Court Hotel, King-street. He was also fined £5, with the option of six months' imprisonment. *Joseph Redmond* was sent to gaol for two months' hard labour for having assaulted Constable Ringrose. *William Smith*, 28, butcher, was remanded to Kempsey to answer a charge of wife-desertion. A stoker named *William Stride* received a sentence of two months' hard labour for having assaulted one George Maddock, and he was fined 40s., in default three weeks' imprisonment, for having assaulted Richard Brown. *August Kohmart* was sentenced to 14 days for desertion from the ship Flora. *Patrick Maher*, on remand, was committed for trial upon a charge of having inflicted grievous bodily harm upon an old man named John Brassell. Both men were corporation labourers, and it was shown that during the altercation Maher knocked his companion down and kicked him about the head in such a manner as to endanger the loss of his eyesight. *Eliza M'Donagh*, 47, was sentenced to two months' hard labour for having stolen a clock, and for having had in her possession a silk skirt which it was reasonably suspected had been stolen. *William Dale*, 27, a painter, was sentenced to two months' hard labour for having bitten a piece of flesh from the hand of Constable Sharpe whilst he was in the execution of his duty. *John Farrelly*, on remand, was ordered to pay £6 compensation and £2 fine, in default four months' imprisonment, for having wilfully damaged a van and a quantity of vegetables, the property of one Quing Yung. *James Dinan* was sent to gaol for 14 days for having assaulted one Thomas Delaney. Mr. Marsh, S.M., dealt with a number of small debts cases in the Summons Division. An elderly bushman was remanded under rather peculiar circumstances, in connection with several charges of fraud. It is stated that about six weeks ago one of his companions was arrested on warrant, and was fined £3, with the alternative of a few weeks' hard labour in Darlinghurst gaol, to which institution he went. Subsequently the prisoner made a canvass amongst his friends and realised the amount, ostensibly to liberate his friend. This he proceeded to do, and returned home with a statement that after great difficulty he had set the man free. Fourteen days later on the real Simon Pure was liberated, and then it was discovered that his quondam associate had meantime absconded with the price of his freedom.

At the REDFERN POLICE COURT, on Wednesday, before Mr. L. Yates, D.S.M., *Elizabeth Wright*, or *Tighe*, 34, for having used indecent language in Cleveland-street, was fined £3, or two months' imprisonment. *Walter Sparkes*, for a similar offence, was fined £1, or seven days. He was also fined £1 for drunkenness. *Martha Baker*, charged with using obscene language, and *Cornelius Sullivan*, indecent language, were fined £2 or one month's imprisonment, and £5 or three months' imprisonment, respectively. *David Lock*, 34, described as a gentleman, was fined £2, or 14 days, for refusing to pay his tram fare. He was also fined £1, or seven days, for using obscene language. *Thomas Williamson* and *William Williamson* were each sentenced to seven days in gaol for riotous conduct in Marian-street. *Thomas Eagar*, or *Fahey*, for a similar offence, was ordered to pay £1, in default seven days. *Henry Wade*, 15, charged with wandering about the streets, was ordered to be sent to the Vernon. *James Donovan*, a nightman, for having allowed nightsoil to flow from his cart in Rosehill-street, was fined £3, with 2s. 6d. costs, or one month. *Kate Roach*, charged with having assaulted Louisa Sweeney, was fined £1, with 4s. 10d. costs, and 21s. complainant's costs, or two months' imprisonment. *Michael Kinchela*, the contractor for the Wells-street railway bridge, summoned by Edward Gathercole, for wages due, was ordered to pay £11 1s., the amount claimed, with £3 compensation for loss of time, 4s. 10d. costs of court, and 21s. complainant's costs.

At the NEWTOWN POLICE COURT on Tuesday, before Mr. W. D. Meares, D.S.M., *Herbert Churchill* was charged with assaulting Constable William Farmer whilst in the execution of his duty. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 40s., or 21 days in gaol. *Charles Woodham* was charged with stealing the sum of £1 from Michael Kenny. The evidence was to the effect that prisoner and prosecutor had been drinking together in Sydney on Monday morning, and afterwards they drove out to Newtown in a cab. Prosecutor, while paying the cabman, had two sovereigns in his hand, when the prisoner knocked them on to the road, and then picked up one, which he put in his picket. Prisoner was sentenced to three months in gaol, with hard labour. *Joseph John Fawcett* was prosecuted for having disobeyed an order of Court, under and by which moneys were due and payable for the maintenance of defendant's deserted children, Joseph Fawcett, junior, and Sarah Fawcett. In each case defendant was ordered to go to gaol till the order was complied with. *Florence Gorman* pleaded guilty to stealing a dress, value 30s., the property of Adelia Curran. Prisoner, when arrested, was wearing the identical dress. She was a servant in Mr. Curran's employ. She elected summary jurisdiction, and was sentenced to seven days in gaol, with hard labour. *John Mathews*, for neglecting to keep clean certain premises in Hardie's-avenue, Ashfield, was fined 40s., with 6s. 10d. costs, or 14 days in gaol. Thomas Smith summoned *James Gardiner* for assaulting him on the 15th instant at St. Peter's. Thomas Smith deposed on oath that on the 15th instant defendant, who was his employer, sent him to fill shell lime into bags out of the kiln in Rickety-street, St. Peter's: defendant came down to him and complained of his method of working; witness said, "I am doing my best;" defendant replied, "I will fill the bags myself;" witness then asked him to pay him; defendant dropped the shovel and struck prosecutor in the mouth with his fist; that was the assault; he gave defendant no provocation whatever. To defendant: "You hurt your hand when you struck me. I was sober when I went home with you to dinner." William Hyslop corroborated. Defendant was fined 40s., with 5s. 10d. costs, or seven days in gaol. Inspector George Webber, of the Animals' Protection Society, sued *John Walker* for cruelly ill-treating a horse. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 40s., with 4s. 10d. costs, or 14 days.

At the PARRAMATTA POLICE COURT yesterday, before Messrs. H. Byrnes, N. Stewart, J. Whitworth, and E. Ellison, Js.P., *Ernest Greenwood* was fined £2 and costs, in default 14 days' imprisonment, for riotous behaviour. *Alfred Barlow, George Riley, William Wilkin, Arthur Barlow*, and *Frank Binn* were charged with damaging the fluming of the temporary water supply works on the 13th instant, and, with the exception of Binn, were each fined £2, with 8s. (one-fifth of the damage), and costs of court, in default two months' imprisonment. Binn, who gave evidence against his companions, was let off with a fine of £1 and costs. *George William M'Grave* applied to have an order compelling him to pay 15s. a week towards the support of his wife varied, but the Bench declined to accede to the request.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.

Yesterday the Acting Coroner (Mr. W. T. Pinhey, J.P.) held an inquest at the Assembly Hotel, Hunter-street, on the body of John Weir, who was fatally injured at Pyrmont on Tuesday, and expired in the Sydney Hospital on the same day. Deceased was a carter in the employ of the Sydney Carrying Company. He was a single man, and about 35 years of age. He lately resided at No. 71, Francis-street, Glebe. On the day mentioned, at about 7 o'clock in the morning, he was sitting on a dray which was laden with doors, and driving a horse attached thereto in Pyrmont-street, Pyrmont. After proceeding along that thoroughfare for a short distance, the back chain became undone, causing the horse to bolt. Deceased jumped off the vehicle and fell between one of the wheels and the kerbstone, with the result that his right leg was fractured in two places, and he was otherwise seriously injured. He was conveyed to the Sydney Hospital as speedily as possible, at which place every attention was bestowed upon him. His injuries were of such a nature, however, that he expired some few hours afterwards. Medical evidence having been given, the jury returned a verdict of death from injuries accidentally received.

An inquest was held by the Acting-Coroner at the South Sydney Morgue yesterday on the body of the infant child of a Mrs. Robson, who is said to reside at Hamilton, near Newcastle. The deceased, who was about nine months old, expired on the 29th instant at No. 12, Exeter-place, off Wexford-street, where he had been under the care of a woman named Eliza Beard for the past six months. The child was said to have been suffering from convulsions, which were caused by teething. It had been ailing for some time prior to its decease. A verdict of death from natural causes was recorded by the jury.

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR LIVERPOOL.

The Parramatta District Coroner, Mr. J. E. Bowden, held an inquest at the Woolpack Hotel, Liverpool, on Tuesday, on the body of a man named Christopher Smith, a paper-maker lately employed at the Collingwood paper mills, near Liverpool. The evidence went to show that on Monday deceased and two other men named Alfred Witcher and George Kelsey went out to Bringelly for a day's shooting. While in search of game on some property belonging to Kelsey a hare was started, and the three men, who were some little distance apart, ran after it a few yards, and fired almost simultaneously. Deceased was nearest the hare, and between 10 and 15 yards in front of Kelsey, while Witcher was some distance away, at an angle between them. Deceased and Witcher fired both barrels of their guns, but Kelsey only one. Immediately after the reports deceased reeled and sank on one knee, and his companions ran to his assistance. He said, "I'm shot," fell back in their arms, and expired without saying another word. The shot took effect on the breast, right side and arm, and extended to within four inches of the right side of the spine. There were also a few shot-marks upon the left arm. Dr. Strong made a post-mortem examination, and found that the shot had penetrated to the right lung and liver, causing a large jagged wound in the latter organ, from which there had been considerable hemorrhage. There was no evidence to show which of his companions fired the fatal shot; but, judging from the position of the shot-marks on his body, he probably received a portion of the contents of both guns. The jury found a verdict of accidental death. Deceased leaves a wife and four young children.

RANDWICK ASYLUM.

On Tuesday evening a Christmas-tree entertainment took place at the Randwick Asylum, in the presence of 200 children and about 250 visitors. Mr. G. F. Wise, president of the institution, took the chair about 7 o'clock, and Lady Hay shortly afterwards began the distribution of prizes and gifts. On the platform were Mr. F. Abigail, M.L.A., Mr. George Renwick, J.P., and the Rev. W. Hough. The room was very nicely decorated with festoons of flowers, evergreens, and appropriate mottoes, conspicuous amongst which was one wishing all a "happy new year." Mr. Coulter, the superintendent, the matron, Miss Wardle, and the officers of the institution, must have bestowed a considerable amount of labour on the preparation of the two beautiful pine trees, which were laden with very choice gifts, and in perfecting all the arrangements for their distribution at the hands of Lady Hay. In addition to the house committee giving a donation, a considerable number of kind friends supplied a large quantity of toys, and the differently coloured articles had a very pretty effect. All the tickets having been drawn by the children, Mr. Coulter called the corresponding numbers on the articles as they were handed from the place assigned them, and the little ones went forward to Lady Hay to receive them. Time would not admit of the whole to be distributed, consequently a number were left over till the following morning. After the distribution, an excellent display of fireworks took place in the adjoining playground, through the liberality of Mr. Scott, of Waverley, and shortly after 9 o'clock the children retired to their dormitories, and the visitors went to their homes. Mr. Coulter, Miss Wardle, and all connected with the institution are deserving of the greatest praise for successfully carrying out so pleasing an entertainment; and as the conception of the affair belonged to the Superintendent, it must be especially gratifying to that gentleman to observe such a large amount of interest manifested in the proceedings by the subscribers and friends of the institution. Mr. Quong Tart very generously supplied the tea, and also sent to the building 250 scones. He was present at the entertainment. Cheers for Lady Hay, the donors, Mr Quong Tart and Mr. Scott, brought the successful and highly congenial entertainment to a close.

THE POPULATIONS OF VICTORIA AND NEW SOUTH WALES.

(*From the Melbourne Argus, December 29.*)

There is some curiosity to know which of the two great Australian colonies—Victoria or New South Wales—will first attain its million of population. Years back, when the numbers stood New South Wales 500,000, Victoria 750,000, it looked as if all was over. The greater number of births in the larger population seemed to settle the question. The active immigration policy of New South Wales has borne its fruit, however. A few State immigrants seem to draw a great many other people, and now a close finish is expected. The estimates for the present and two preceding years are:—

	Victoria.	New South Wales.
January 1, 1884 ...	930,000	869,000
January 1, 1885 ...	961,100	921,000
January 1, 1886 ...	990,000	975,000

Thus the one colony seems to be increasing at the rate of 30,000 per annum, and the other at the rate of 50,000 per annum, and so the sister State has lessened the gap to 15,000. The birth-rate in New South Wales is also very active, the numbers being 29,000 per annum for Victoria, and 34,000 for New South Wales. On the 1st of March, 1886, Victoria may just have reached her million. If so, she will be three months in advance of New South Wales, which can barely attain her million before the 1st June, 1886. Mr. Hayter fears that Victoria will be a few thousands behindhand at the end of the first quarter of the new year, and if so, there is likely to be a dead-heat, as the succeeding quarter should show both colonies in advance of the million; but a more sanguine view than that of the Government Statist is possible. The marriage and birth rates are improving here with prosperity, and the severe depression in Adelaide is driving men and women to find homes within our borders, and consequently, instead of our present average of 7500 per quarter, we may easily gain 10,000 in the period. The million population gives both colonies a great position in the world. Not one Scotch county can boast of the number. No Irish county has half so many, and only four English counties exceed the total; and in America, the states and territories below the million are far more numerous than those above.

THE ART GALLERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—When paying a visit on Boxing Day to the new building erected for the Sydney Art Gallery, I noticed two matters which should be corrected.

1. The sun's rays were full on several of the largest and most valuable pictures, noticeably on "The Widower;" and, although canvas sun shades were in some places fixed, yet on several others there was no protection whatever. Most of us know how damaging it is "to be in the sun," therefore no delay should take place in the fixing of sun blinds, if not already done.

2. I suggest that a more rigid supervision should be exercised over young children. As soon as they are inside the building they are often abandoned by their parents, and may be found running riot all over the place. Of course the attendants cannot be everywhere. I noticed one youngster with dirt-begrimed hands pawing and rubbing the lovely legs of "Hero," and I do think the exclusion of children too young to benefit from the visit would be desirable. I am, &c.,

ARTHUR HEWITT.

Sydney, Dec. 29.

BRITISH LEGISLATION OF THE YEAR.

(*From St. James' Gazette, October.*)

The present time, when both political parties are preparing themselves for the coming electoral contest, seems to the first degree opportune for a review of the legislative work accomplished by Parliament in its last session. It must, of course, be alike superfluous and hopeless for us to attempt on the present occasion to do more than notice in passing the great measure of the year which so widely extended the suffrage throughout the United Kingdom, the three separate Acts for England, Scotland, and Ireland, dealing with the kindred subject of registration, and the Redistribution of Seats Act. The Acts in question, and one or two minor Acts dealing with the same subject, may be safely left to the innumerable "adepts and experts" (to borrow Lord Beaconsfield's phrase) whose special function it is to deal with them in that exhaustive and critical manner which their supreme importance demands. Our humbler task is now to review the minor Acts of the session. First come those Acts which more or less affect generally the interests of the whole of the United Kingdom. The Act to prevent medical relief disqualifying any person from voting and the Criminal Law Amendment Act have already attracted so much public attention that the bare recital of their names will probably be quite sufficient for the majority of our readers. A similar observation applies to two other statutes which concern our foreign and colonial policy—the Egyptian Loan Act and the Federal Council of Australia Act. Passing on to the other measures which are probably by no means so familiar to our readers, we may direct attention to an Act which is to be called the Municipal Voters' Relief Act. It provides that municipal voters who have not allowed their houses to be occupied by other persons for a time exceeding four months in all, and have resided during that time within seven miles of the borough, shall not be disqualified from voting. Another part of the same Act provides that the qualifying period of occupation in Dublin is to be twelve months instead of two years and eight months. Another Act which received the Royal assent the same day extends the hours of polling at parliamentary and municipal elections from 8 in the morning until 8 at night. Other measures of some, though of minor, interest are an Act throwing on burial boards the cost of their contested elections, another enabling municipal corporations to admit to the rank of honorary freemen persons of distinction and those who have rendered eminent service to the borough.

Other Acts which are also of noteworthy importance are the Act amending the law with regard to the dwellings of the working classes, which contains the much-discussed provision with regard to the purchase of the sites of Millbank and Pentonville Penitentiaries and Coldbath Fields Prison, and a short Act amending the important statute of 1883, the Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks Act, and enabling the Controller to extend the time for leaving and accepting specifications and sealing patents.

Next may be noticed those Acts which only concern England. The most important of these are those which alter the Yorkshire Registries Act of last year and the Friendly Societies Act of 1875, extend the provisions of former Acts as to the redemption of tithe rent charges, give bishops larger powers with regard to pluralities, provide additional post-office accommodation for London, Birmingham, Bristol, and Newcastle-on-Tyne, and deal with the revenues of Greenwich Hospital and the qualifications of the Naval Knights of Windsor.

Other Acts there are which principally concern London. An Act which deals with the subject of regulating the traffic of the metropolis, and which is to be cited as the Metropolitan Streets Act, 1885, brings before us with startling distinctness the extraordinary rapidity with which the area of London is increasing. The limits of the Metropolitan Streets Acts, 1867, were defined to be "such parts of the metropolis as are enclosed in a circle of which the centre is Charing-cross and the radii are four miles in length as measured in a straight line from Charing-cross." The effect of the present Act is to make the radii of the vast metropolitan circle six miles as the crow flies instead of four. Among other Acts whose operation is confined to the metropolis itself and its environs may be noticed a short Act defining how the annual value of the tenement supplied with water is to be ascertained, and the Thames Preservation Act, which aims at regulating the river traffic above Teddington Lock.

The only Acts which need be noticed as especially affecting Scotland are one appointing a Secretary for Scotland, who may also be Vice-President of the Scotch Education Department, and another amending the law with regard to Scottish sea fisheries. A third Act affecting Scotland, which, though not of a strictly national character, is yet deserving of notice in this connection, is for the restitution of the ancient honours, dignities, and titles of the earldom of Mar, which ends a long chapter of history, beginning with the year 1404, and finds a place among the public statutes of the year.

So far as quantity, at all events, is concerned, a full share of special legislation has been conferred upon Ireland. First in importance comes the Act which was introduced by the Irish Lord Chancellor in one of the last days of the session, with the object of assisting Irish tenants to purchase their holdings, and enabling the land commission to make advances for that purpose to the extent of five millions. A long-standing Irish grievance, though of a minor character, was at length removed by an Act which received the Royal Assent on May 21. Hitherto all Irish bar students have been obliged, pursuant to a statute passed in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, to enter their names in one of the London Inns of Court, and also to keep six terms in the English metropolis. For the future all Irish bar students are relieved from both these obligations. A clause, however, which was added in committee, enables any Irish law student who desires to keep any number of his twelve terms not exceeding four in London. A considerable variety of Acts dealing with the widely different subjects of educational endowments, temporary cholera hospitals, industrial schools, amendment of the Labourers Act of 1883 and the Tramway Act of last year, and loans for public works and piers in the estuary of the River Shannon, may also be mentioned as holding a place in this year's statute-book for the exclusive benefit of the Emerald Isle.

CONFERENCE ON DISESTABLISHMENT IN ENGLAND.

(*From the Pall Mall Gazette.*)

On November 19 a largely attended meeting was held at the City Temple, under the presidency of the Rev. Guinness Rogers, who said that the gathering was one having no reference to the coming election, and that the methods of disendowment should be left for future discussion. He knew no one absolutely committed to any plan of disendowment—except perhaps the author of the "Radical Programme;" certainly not the Liberation Society, whose suggestions had been very improperly considered as a definite scheme of disendowment. They only indicated a line of possible settlement, and were like a brief put into the hands of a plaintiff's counsel. Archdeacon Bardsley, at the Liverpool Conference, said that what the Liberationists wanted was not merely disestablishment and disendowment, but disintegration of the Episcopal Church. He wished in the strongest language to give an absolute denial to this statement—(Loud cheers)—and he further said that if such would be the effect on the Episcopal Church he should pause a long time before he advocated even religious equality; they wished no harm to the Church. He recognised the Church's title from her great work to every consideration. He thought those Nonconformists were not the worst friends of the Church who thought disestablishment had better come at once. No man was a greater ornament to the Church than Mr. Gladstone, and a settlement could not be made under better auspices. He cared nothing for disendowment. What he was anxious for was religious equality.

Canon Curteis (Lichfield) felt most grateful to Dr. Parker for calling that conference. He assured the meeting that churchmen desired true Christian equality, and alike at Church congresses and elsewhere Nonconformists had received warm welcome. He said that churchmen laid little store by the presence of the bishops in the House of Lords. The bishops had inherited their seats, and the same reason accounted for the small inequalities which remained, but which in the matter of burial and otherwise were gradually disappearing.

The Rev. Hugh Price Hughes said that if the views of Canon Curteis prevailed he did not know that they might not all some day be churchmen. He for his part would be delighted for churchmen to retain the cathedrals and churches, and they would do nothing to destroy the Church's corporate life so justly dear to Canon Curteis, and he could sympathise with the Bishop of Oxford's intense dislike to some imaginary attempt to turn Episcopalians into Congregationalists. He believed that disendowment must go with disestablishment, and that the *Pall Mall Gazette* was wrong in saying that the feeling for disestablishment was passing away. On the other hand, he believed that the Church would have a more glorious future after disestablishment, and that national religion was to be secured, not by Act of Parliament, but by being Christians, by having good laws and administrators, who do not put the innocent in prison, while the guilty escape—(enthusiastic cheers)—and by a Christian foreign policy, which does not engage in opium wars in China.

The Chairman expressed his agreement with Mr. Hugh Price Hughes as to the cathedrals and churches, but hoped that no allusion would be made to subjects having no connection with that under debate.

The Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth was glad to hear the views expressed on the question of endowment, but there was a wide difference between intention and effect. He thought that disestablishment would be a serious injury to the cause of Christ in England. He was in favour of a large scheme of reform, including the free election of bishops and clergy. Disestablishment was not a part of the creed of the new liberalism.

Rev. W. M. Statham, in a speech of great vigour, as a Nonconformist, supported the Established Church.

The Rev. Newman Hall was not in favour of a hasty settlement of the question, which would cause alienation between brethren. He hoped to see disestablishment effected by a national and not sectarian feeling. He thought that the Democracy of England did not consider the Church their friend.

The Rev. Dr. Clifford, the Rev. Stewart Headlam, and others followed. The meeting was one of sustained interest, and Dr. Parker, in concluding the proceedings, expressed his satisfaction with the result.

YOUNG and feeble mothers with frail children will both become strong by the use of Hop Bitters. Use only genuine. Read. [ADVT.]

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ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THE WARDEN'S RESIDENCE.

Yesterday afternoon the corner-stone of the Warden's residence, in connection with St. Paul's College, was laid by his Excellency the Governor, in the presence of a distinguished company, and a large concourse of spectators, amongst whom were the following:—the Primate, Sir William Manning (Chancellor of the University), Professor Scott, Professor Anderson Stuart, Principal Kinross, D.D., the Hons. Sir Alexander Stuart, and Alexander Campbell, Ms.L.C., Messrs. J. M. Purves, M.A.; W. R. Campbell and R. B. Smith, M.'sL.A.; his Honor Judge Wilkinson, Dr. Garran, Dr. Beattie, Colonel Airey, Messrs. H. E. Barff, J. J. Calvert, C. B. Stephen, A. T. Holroyd, B. R. Wise, M.A.; G. Knox, M.A.; A. Davis, T. Ward, Cyril Blacket, C. Stuart, J. Page, M. Metcalfe, E. J. H. Knapp, and Sub-Inspector Larkins. Also the Right Rev. Dr. Thomas (Bishop of Goulburn), Ven. Archdeacon King, Rev. Dr. Zachary Barry, Dr. Corlette, Canon Hey Sharp (Warden of St. Paul's College), Canon Gunther, J. N. Manning, M.A.; H. L. Jackson, S. S. Tovey, J. Barnier, C. Baber, A. W. Pain, and Minor Canon Bardlett. The following ladies were present:—Lady Manning, Mrs. Barry, and Lady Stuart.

The warden's house is situated about 100 feet from St. Paul's College, and is to be of brick, with stone dressings in the Elizabethan style of architecture. The foundation-stone of St. Paul's College was laid by Governor Sir William Denison 30 years ago, the Act providing that its students were to include only undergraduates of the Sydney University. The prosperity of the College was therefore mainly dependent upon that of the University, and as the latter had recently attracted a much larger number of students, the necessity for an increased accommodation for resident students of the college forced itself upon the notice of the Warden and fellows of St. Paul's. Accordingly, in September, 1884, the warden and fellows of the college met the Primate in conference, when it was decided to secure the requisite additional accommodation by the erection of a warden's residence, resuming the rooms in the eastern wing, hitherto the residence of the warden, for the use of students. At present the dormitories in the college provide accommodation for 21 students, but when the new house is completed there will be room for 36, or an increase of 15. The warden's house will comprise some 20 rooms, with large entrance hall, &c., and will be a two-story building, having an easterly aspect. The builders are the well-known contracting firm, Messrs. White and Coghill, and Messrs. Blacket Brothers are the architects. The cost of the structure will be about £4000, towards which £1737 has been already subscribed, in addition to the amounts announced yesterday and the collection taken up after the ceremony. Yesterday the works were decorated with a fine display of bunting, and a dais had been erected for the speakers at the corner of the structure near where the stone was to be laid. At some little height above the dais was a second platform, from which his Excellency was to perform the ceremony. A small awning which had been erected over the dais, presumably to afford shelter from the sun, was found to be altogether inadequate for the purpose, consequently it became necessary to afford shelter with umbrellas to the various speakers. The accommodation provided for the press was of a still more unsatisfactory character, the reporters being fully exposed to the fierce rays of a scorching sun.

His Excellency Lord Carrington, accompanied by the Hon. Lady Carrington, the Hon. Judith Harbord, and Lieut. Terry, aide-de-camp, arrived punctually at 3 o'clock, and were met by the Rev. Canon Hey Sharp (Warden), the Hons. Sir Alexander Stuart, and Charles Campbell, Ms.L.C. The Hon. Lady Carrington and the Hon. Judith Harbord occupied seats immediately in front of the dais. Upon the arrival of the vice-regal party the proceedings were commenced by the singing of the carol, "Like silver lamps in a distant shrine," after which Bishop Barry read special prayers for the occasion.

The Rev. Canon HEY SHARP, the Warden of the College then delivered an address. He said he might be allowed at that stage to say a few words not expressly provided for, and he should try not to encroach upon any provinces reserved for his Excellency and the Primate. In the first place, he announced apologies from the following:—Sir Alfred and Lady Stephen, the Bishop of Newcastle and Mrs. Pearson, the Dean of Sydney, Mr. Edward Merewether, Rev. Dr. Woolls, Mr. Hugh Robison, Mr. E. R. Deas-Thomson, Judge Macfarlane, Mr. Richard Jones, Mr. S. A. Stephen, M.L.A., Professor Stephens, Mr. W. Day, and Mr. Josephson. Whilst speaking of apologies there was one he should like to make at once on behalf of the Fellows and himself. In sending cards of invitation they could scarcely hope to have been so fortunate as not to have overlooked many to whom they would have wished to send, and who, as friends of the University and the College, would have a right to expect invitations. Any such omissions were certainly not due to want of will, nor of pains, but to inadvertence, which he hoped would be regarded as unintentional. Referring to the subject of the College, he confined himself to a few words about its purposes and its history. With regard to its purpose, there was some reason to think that a misconception was current here and there. People sometimes confused St. Paul's College with a theological college, as it was termed. The purpose of the latter, and the purpose of St. Paul's College, was different and wider. It was to help in the training of students in the University, whatever their destination in life might be, whether holy orders, the bar, medicine, or any other, or no profession. The purpose was mainly threefold. First, it was to provide residence for students conveniently near the University, and so lend itself to contribute towards fostering the advantages belonging to student life in common, as distinct from student life isolated in lodgings or at home; secondly, to provide a certain amount of tutorial assistance and supervision; and thirdly, to hold members together by a bond, the presence and power of which had been proved practically indispensable in the origination and conduct of institutions of that kind—and need he say that he meant the bond of religion. And, inasmuch as, unhappily, they had not yet found out how to be quite at one in matters of religion, but must agree to a certain amount of difference, what might be called the religious element in St. Paul's College was defined as being religion according to the mind of the Church of England. In addition to providing for residences for students, and for assistance and supervision, the College routine was intended to bring to bear, so far as they might, the influences of the teaching and of the worship of the Church of England. He thought it would be scarcely necessary to add that he could not for a moment regard this religious element as being in any way antagonistic to the University, and he was amazed that anyone should seem to think it to be that. It was, no doubt, supplementary, but it certainly was not antagonistic. He agreed, indeed, with his friend the Principal of St. Andrew's College in wishing to see the curriculum of the University enlarged, so as to include such subjects as mental and moral philosophy and history, but in the meantime he was sure that the Warden and Fellows of St. Paul's College desired in all ways to act in cordial sympathy and co-operation with the Chancellor and Fellows of the Senate of the University. Respecting the history of the college, he remarked that seeing what were the outward signs of progress, he used to think the work of extension would not come in his time. From quarter to quarter there was some real progress, some improvements in the building, and an increase in the numbers, but the progress was so slow that he used to think it would be a warden of the next century who would see the lodge built; but, after all, the work was being completed well inside of the present century. The reason of its requiring to be done so much sooner was owing to two causes. A wave of progress had reached the University. So long as the University was small in numbers, St. Paul's College was also limited, because it could not go outside of the University to seek students. But now the University was increasing in numbers, and was extending its usefulness by the erection of a medical school. The second cause was the great impulse and stimulus the college had received from the Bishop, who had put his shoulder to the wheel in the direction of the efficiency of the college, and his efforts had been backed up in a liberal and generous spirit by those whose gifts were recorded on the paper which had been distributed. In that way it had come about that they had the pleasure of welcoming Lord and Lady Carrington there that day, and he could only express, on behalf of the Fellows of the college and himself, their cordial thanks to his Excellency for the ready kindness and courtesy with which he had consented to lay the corner stone. The only thing they had to regret was that the ceremony occurred during vacation, but that could not be helped. He concluded by asking his Excellency to lay the stone.

His EXCELLENCY said,—My Lord, Mr. Warden, and Fellows of St. Paul's College: I have gratefully accepted your invitation to perform this function to-day of laying the corner-stone of your new building for the extension of your college. And here I may take the opportunity of thanking you very much in the name of my wife, as well as my own, for the invitation extended to us. You have spared no cost—the liberality of Parliament has been ably seconded by private enterprise. You have had the assistance of the best men of the mother country (I may allude to the circumstance, with the deepest regret for the loss that mankind has sustained in his death, that you had for many years the inestimable advantage of the teaching of one of the greatest scholars of the world—I allude to the venerable Professor Badham). I am too recent an arrival here to assume the responsibility of speaking on subjects which refer to systems of public instruction, about which great diversities of opinion exist between sections of the public equally intelligent and equally conscientious; but, perhaps, I may be permitted to draw attention to some secular advantages which are obtained by resident students in universities. By their daily intercourse with their fellows they are taught habits of self-respect, self-control, and self-reliance—(hear, hear)—while any tendency to undue self-importance is kept in check by the mental or physical superiority of others; and last, but not least, friendships are often made of great mutual advantage. Individually I have a grateful remembrance of the advantages gained by those who, like myself, received an education in the resident colleges of England. It is pleasing to a newcomer to notice the harmony with which all Christian denominations are working here, and it was with the liveliest satisfaction that I read the other day, in one of the country papers, a graceful acknowledgment from the lips of the head master of one of the Church of England Grammar Schools of the work done by the Roman Catholic Church in higher education in this colony. (Hear, hear.) My Lord, Mr. Warden, and gentlemen, in declaring, as I shall do directly, this stone to be well and truly laid, I humbly venture to express the hope that this college may be in the future, as I believe it has been in the past, a credit to the colony, and also to the great institution of which it forms so important a part, and a dear home to laborious and scholarly youth. (Cheers.)

The Governor, accompanied by the Primate, the Warden of St. Paul's College, and other gentlemen, then ascended some steps leading from the dais whence he had addressed the concourse to the upper platform, which had been erected so that the ceremony of laying the corner-stone might be carried out. Baron Carrington was now presented with a hall-marked silver trowel, which was exquisitely chased with a design in which maidenhair and other ferns were included, and was suitably inscribed; and a polished myall mallet, which was ornamented with a coronet (in gold) surmounting a monogram composed of three silver horse-shoes. His Excellency formally adjusted with the trowel the mortar spread to receive the stone, and the carved and dressed rock having been lowered into place, brought the mallet into use, following the latter action with the declaration that the stone had been well and truly laid. The whole of this interesting part of the ceremony was conducted at such a height that but few of the people on *terra firma* witnessed it. A burst of cheering on the part of a number of Masons who were assembled on the scaffolding and the few other actual witnesses of the proceedings was accepted by the concourse as an indication that that part of the ceremony had been faithfully carried out. His Excellency then graciously gave effect to a wish expressed by a number of the bricklayers that he would recognise the important part to be played by them in the erection of the structure by the laying of a brick; and this act, it is almost needless to say, was cheered by those who witnessed it. So far as the general assemblage of the people was concerned, they, being ignorant of what was taking place, awaited the descent of the Governor to the dais, and then gave loud cheers in honour of his Excellency, and these were most graciously acknowledged. The corner-stone of the building bears the College coat of arms and motto—"Deo patriæ tibi."

The PRIMATE next delivered a brief address. He said he had been asked to say a few words at that stage of the proceedings on their significance as regarded the University and the College. He said as regarded the University as well as the college, for the foundation of that college was distinctly carrying out the original idea of the University. And, as the Warden had already reminded them, the very extension of their college there marked, and perhaps in some degree might help, that remarkable advance of their University in which they all so cordially rejoiced. No one, he thought, who cared for the future of this community could help taking the very deepest interest in the progress of the University. What it had done in the past was only a slight earnest of what it ought to do, what it could do, and what it must do in the future. He could conceive of no institution of greater value than the University, for it was a witness not merely of knowledge, but of the completeness of knowledge. The real object of all the various sciences was, philosophically, the grasp of truth, and truth, after all, was essentially one. There was too much tendency for each branch of thought and of science to pursue its way separately. It had always seemed to him that a university was a witness for what he might call the coronation of all the various sciences by which we ascended to knowledge—that knowledge which, he repeated, was finally in its essence one—and a university was a witness for the value of truth simply as truth, and for knowledge simply as knowledge. He trusted the University would always deserve its name; that it would be an institution for true liberal education, for culture simply as culture, for the value of truth simply as truth. And if he saw aright the signs which belonged to the progress of this community, which they all so cordially desired, he would not hesitate to say there was no institution which has created so much interest, and for which they desired so much success, as the University of Sydney. The significance of their proceedings to-day bore also upon the value of college life. Those of the number present who belonged to the old universities of the mother country knew right well the very large amount of educational advantage they derived, and which came not merely from the lecture rooms of the University, but the associates of their college. They were proud to have that *esprit de corps* which was a characteristic of the institution to which they belonged, and which desired in every way to contribute to its welfare. They exemplified the old saying of the wise man that he had "learnt much from his teachers, more from his equals, though most of all from his scholars." We learn, not merely from our teachers—we learnt more from our equals by the play of mind upon mind and of character upon character, and by the inspiration of common life. He could quite understand why, closely following the passing of the University Act, there should be one providing for the establishment of those resident colleges. Putting the religious question altogether out of their view, he was bold to say that if they were to have in their University the higher academical training they must have colleges of that common life which St. Paul's, among others, represented. If he saw even an undenominational or secular college he would wish it well. In England, however, they had no experience of colleges which had not been kept together by the bond of common religious life and common religious worship. He must not end without touching upon the third significance of their act to-day. It was significant that that college was not merely academical, but one for broad and comprehensive religious teaching. He thought it was not known there that it was carrying out distinctly the old charter of that University, the preamble of which contained those remarkable words: "The University is founded for the advancement of religion and morality, as well as for the promotion of useful knowledge." There were reasons which prevented that object being carried on with the simplicity which belonged to the older universities. There was not here a theological faculty which should bring in the best services of the real masters of human thought; there was not here a University Church which should gather an academical audience Sunday after Sunday for the higher religious and doctrinal teaching. The reason, however, lay not in the prevalence here of a mere secularist spirit, but arose, unhappily, in our own unhappy religious divisions, which were a perplexity to our statesmen. The University nevertheless, had given free scope for that which that college represented,—the development of religious influence through the various religious bodies. If they would look at the motto of that college ("*Deo patriæ tibi*"), they would see how entirely it subordinated culture and perfection, first to that duty we all owed to our country, and in which it was the privilege of every Englishman to take part, and then to that higher duty—that higher inspiration which still gathered around the sacred name of God. Dr. Barry thought they would see that that college at least had a noble idea of human life, and understood how to solve that problem which elsewhere had been thought insoluble—how to reconcile individual freedom and individual perfection with the unity of the whole body. He thought that represented the significance of their work to-day. They rejoiced to see gathered around them not merely friends of the college, but representatives of the University, and representatives of the influence and progress of our community. They had heard already that the work had been well begun by the liberality of the few; it was hoped that it would be completed that day by the liberality of the many. The institution was one that would conduce not merely to the welfare of their own Church of England, but to the benefit of the whole community and the glory of our common God. (Applause.)

A collection was then taken up towards the building fund of the college, and resulted in the sum of £167 16s. (including donations forwarded by several gentlemen who had sent apologies for their absence). The council of the college are entitled to receive an equal amount from the Government; so that the funds will actually be enriched by the day's proceedings by upwards of £3[illegible].

The Primate having pronounced the benediction, the Warden called for three cheers for his Excellency the Governor, and there was a most hearty response. A similar honour was accorded to the Honourable Lady Carrington, and was followed by cheers for the Chancellor of the University, the Primate, and the Warden of St. Paul's.

An adjournment was then made to the hall of the college, in which refreshments were partaken of by the vice-regal party, and most of the ladies and gentlemen who had attended the ceremony. On leaving for the vice-regal carriage, the Governor and suite were escorted to the boundaries of the college enclosure by the Warden, the Primate, Sir Alexander Stuart, and other gentlemen.

THE CHINESE CHURCH AT BOTANY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I find that an impression has been made on some minds by remarks made at the opening of the Chinese Church at Botany in connection with the Church of England that is not quite just to other Churches. Of course, it did not lie within the scope of the Bishop's address to speak of what other denominations of Christians are doing for the evangelisation of the Chinese in [illegible] and other colonies. I will, therefore, with your permission, supply your readers with information of what the Wesleyan Missionary Society is doing for this object.

We have on the tinfields of New England a Chinese minister who is labouring among the two or three thousand of his countrymen in the neighbourhood of Tingha and Inverell. We have also stationed a minister at Glen Innes, whom we sent to Canton some years ago to be trained for the work of superintending the mission operations of our Church among the Chinese in Victoria; and though he is now engaged in ordinary ministerial work, he still gives oversight and help to our Chinese mission in the district. In Victoria we have sustained a strong mission for many years, and at a large expenditure. We have Chinese churches in Melbourne, Castlemaine, Dunolly, Talbot, Creswick, Haddon, and Sandhurst, and preaching places in other townships. For the supply of these we have had an able working staff of ministers, catechists, and local preachers, presided over until last year by a general superintendent who had been specially trained for this work; and at the last General Conference held in Christchurch, New Zealand, in November, 1884, the point was raised with some earnestness as to whether we ought not to extend this branch of our missions. While, therefore, I rejoice that the Church of England is doing somewhat for the religious benefit of the Chinese, I think it only fair to the Wesleyan Missionary Society to remove the impression to which I have alluded, by showing that we also are labouring for the best interests of the stranger that is within our gates. I am, &c.,

WM. KELYNACK,
General Secretary Australasian Wesleyan Missionary Society.

December 30.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

During the past few days the water from the Nepean has approached no nearer than a mile to the Botany dams. It is now anticipated that in the course of a week it will be flowing into them. Messrs. Hudson Brothers have overcome all serious difficulties in the piping between Guildford and Shea's Creek, where the water is now permitted to escape, and, if it were judicious for them to do so, they could close the valve which is open at this point, and the water would flow unrestrictedly into the No. 4 dam. By patience and unwearied enterprise Messrs. Hudson Bros. have overcome difficulties which would probably have paralysed the energy of many men, but now, though circumstances are still a little unkind, "they see daylight," and an early completion of what they describe as one of the most laborious works they have undertaken. They have realised to the fullest degree the truth of the saying that "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley." With a strong confidence in their resources they erected the fine trestle work at Guildford, and laid their pipes from Ettinger's to Botany, but as the water flowed onwards the leaks were so numerous and serious that the firm almost regarded their work as a failure. They saw that it would require to be all gone over again, and as they valued the reputation they have made, and as also they had never given up any work they had undertaken without completing it, they faced the inevitable, which in this instance consisted of stripping every joint in the piping, caulking the same, and placing a strong iron band around it. This they have almost accomplished. It has entailed a great deal of labour, and, as they say, "has knocked a good deal of the gilt off the gingerbread." It was their desire that before the end of the year they would be permitted to open the valve at No. 4 dam that the water might flow in there. In view, however, of the work not being completed, and handed over to the Government, and also of the intention of the City Engineer to have the quality of the water thoroughly tested their action in this direction will be delayed for a few days more.

At the present time there are about 80 labourers and mechanics engaged in Ricketty-street, between Shea's Creek and the Botany-road, and the scene there has become so interesting that many persons go out to witness it. The locality is approached by means of the Botany trams, which pass within three quarters of a mile of it. A tramp along Ricketty-street, which is about the most sandy thoroughfare in the metropolis, takes the visitor to where the men are working. A glance along the line of the piping here shows at once how serious have been the obstacles which the men have to overcome. The pipes are buried, but about 70 per cent. of the joints leak, and the water may be seen springing through the ground and making the whole locality swampy. The opening out of a joint is performed by two men, who dig a hole about six feet long by five feet wide and five feet deep. The water pours in, and the men become wet through to the waist in consequence. When the hole is completed a mechanic enters and caulks the joint, and then proceeds to place an iron band around it. While he does this a fresh quantity of water accumulates in the hole in which he has to sit in order to get at the underneath portion of the joint. When the mechanic has concluded his work the joint seems well closed, and in only a few instances does water ooze out. At Shea's Creek there is also a piece of engineering as worthy of inspection as the trestling at Guildford. The approach to the creek was over very swampy land, known as the Oyster Beds. The pipes had to be placed on wooden framing, there resting on timbers that would present a large bearing surface, in order to prevent their sinking out of sight. When the creek was reached it became necessary to construct a bridge over it of such a height that steam punts which ply up and down the creek might do so without hindrance. This bridge, which is of wood, has been completed, and the piping may be seen rising and extending over it like the body of a huge snake. The piping here, being exposed to the sun, is lime-washed that the heat may not dissolve its coating of asphalt. Messrs. Hudson Brothers think the repairs to the whole of the piping will be completed this evening. To-morrow or on Saturday the whole of the piping will be further tested, and, if all goes well, the entry of the water into Botany may occur a day or two afterwards. The water in the pipes in Ricketty-street has a decided taste of tar, which is said to arise from its being stagnant there. The water above Shea's Creek, however, is said to be clear. The pipes there have been thoroughly cleansed, and as the water is continually flowing through them it does not acquire any unpleasant taste.

DROUGHT IN THE WESTERN DIVISION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I am almost ashamed to ask more of your valuable space for this dismal, and, I had hoped, worn-out subject; but as a correspondent in your issue of the 28th instant attributes by innuendo interested motive to the part I have taken in the question, "Drought or overstocking," I beg the favour of space for reply. If a personal interest in stock in the Western Division necessitated the acceptance of the present position of most holders in it, I should thank God I have no such interest. Neither drought nor good seasons affect me further than general prosperity, or the reverse, affects everyone. I have not to pay a rack rent to the Crown for pasture of a most precarious description; nor have I to pay interest on 20s. or 30s. on sheep that are only worth 5s., nor have I pay out of the profits of those sheep, large sums (or interest on large sums) for improvements necessary to utilise the little natural grass, the natural moisture will give; but the reason best known to myself, for having written so persistently on this subject, is a desire to teach others a lesson, I have long ago learnt myself—to teach the folly and risk of stocking-up to the full capacity of exceptionally good seasons, in this treacherous climate, which through my 25 years' experience, has, for at least two-thirds of the period, reduced the Western Division to a state ranging between desert and semi-desert, leaving the other third to be divided between fair to good seasons and disastrous flood.

I say to Mr. Bossley do not shirk the real merits of the question, which is in this nutshell, before your droughts will cease; there must be written off the debit side of the ledger all per head that has been paid for sheep and runs, except the intrinsic value of the sheep (say 5s.), and the actual cost of the improvements on the land at the date of purchase. You must set the sheep and improvements down at 8s. or 10s. a head for each sheep the run can carry at from 6 to 8 acres to a sheep, and write off the difference between those figures and the price paid for them. Of course I know that this will play up with the assets and securities of banks and financial institutions; but sooner or later they will have to be played up with. When this writing off has been done, there will be no necessity for crowding on two sheep where one should be, merely because a certain number must be shown as security for advances obtained, under mistaken ideas and representations of the capacity of country. We shall not then hear of drought in a district from whence now comes great weeping and wailing about dying flocks, but from which at the same time comes word that the sheep inspector has given permits for 90,000 fat sheep to travel to market within the last 12 months.

Mr. Bossley is anxious that I and other correspondents should "extend" ourselves a little more, and visit the drought-stricken portion of the Western district, and not stop short when fat horses are no longer obtainable; but there is no necessity for this unpleasant pilgrimage. I can quite believe that many runs are as badly off as that gentleman depicts them, but seeing them in the state they are, would not, without further inquiry, make me admit that drought is the cause of the grass famine. I can find the true cause without leaving my desk. I do not deny that this year of 1885 has been a bad year over the country bounded by the Q. L. boundary, the Culgoa and the Barwon, but it has not been so bad but that, without the excessive stocking I can show for the last three or four years, it would not have presented the aspect of drought it now does; nor do I recognise the portion of country alluded to as being "a great portion" of the Western Division; it is not one-twelfth part of it. A paper from Mr. Gideon, of Goodooda, published at the same time as Mr. Bossley's, giving, as it does, the names of some of the holdings that have suffered most in this drought-stricken district, enables me without visiting it, to account for their present miserable condition. He says that Dumble which depastured 50,000 or 60,000 sheep, has now only 2000. Some may have been sent away; or, perhaps, a figure inadvertently omitted. But I see this year's returns give 21,000, and also that in 1884 Dumble returned 40,300 sheep, besides cattle and horses, for 100,000 acres (the area of the run), or something under 2½ acres for a sheep, of good and bad, watered and unwatered country. Muckerans, that used to carry over 30,000 sheep on 70,000 acres, had 28,280 sheep in 1884, besides cattle and horses, or a sheep to a little less than 2½ acres. The Peel River Company's station, Currawillinghi, which is said to have once carried 80,000 sheep and 4000 cattle, had in 1884 on its 91,000 acres 32,272 sheep, or a sheep to less than 3 acres. Nullawa, 60,000 acres, had 24,587 sheep in 1884; Angledool, with 198,000 acres, had, in 1884, 78,679 sheep, or a little over 2½ acres; Boorooma, with 600,000 acres, had 226,881 sheep; Bangate, 200,000 acres, had 93,100 sheep; Goangra, with 110,000 acres, had 45,000 sheep; Pinejella, with 23,000 acres, had 12,000 sheep; Willoh, with 32,000 acres, had 13,600 sheep.

With these figures before me, which represent from under two to under three acres for a sheep, I do not require to go on the ground to be convinced, not only that the country must have a truly drought-stricken appearance, but that the loss in a season, which has doubtless been below the average, must have been immense; everything points to the conclusion that this great loss is the result of overstocking rather than drought. I can scarcely conceive it possible that there is one owner of the stations I have named, who will state that less than three acres of his holding, all over, will suffice to keep a sheep in profitable condition the year round in average seasons; or, if stocked at that rate, that anything will be allowed to go to seed, the necessity for which, where everything is annual, is obvious.

There is one part of Mr. Bossley's letter that surprises me much—he speaks of sheep dying of starvation where there are thousands of acres of "dry standing grass," with ample water within easy access. I cannot say that anything like this comes within my experience. Of course I am aware that dry grass loses much of its nutritive quality, but I have never known sheep die to any extent where there was plenty of dry grass and water.

Trusting that the results of the late rains may, under fair treatment, put an end to discussion on this unpleasant question. I am, &c.,

EDW. JNO. BLOXHAM.

THE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REPORT.

X.—NAVIGATION.

On the subject of the navigation of the rivers and other waterways of the colony in relation to the proposals or suggestions of the Water Conservation Commission the report of the commission states:—

"The sum of £170,000 has been expended in improving the Murray, Murrumbidgee, and the Darling. The cost of 'snagging' the Darling is about £45 per mile, while in the more thickly-timbered country it amounts to from £45 to £60. On the former river about 12 miles per month are cleared; on the latter about 5 miles. Vessels can now go up the rivers with from 3 to 4 feet less water than formerly, and can also travel at night. Mr. Moriarty points out that the first step to improve the rivers is to remove the dead timber which has been accumulating for ages, and this cannot be done if the height of the river was raised. Operations on the Murray have ceased, and snagging is now confined to the Murrumbidgee and Darling.

"The attention which the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers has been able to devote to the rivers of the colony appears to have been wholly confined to the removal of obstructions to navigation; but now that railways have been extended at great cost to the Murray, Murrumbidgee, and the Darling, and that subsidiary lines have been projected having their termini at points other than Bourke on the Darling, it may be well to consider whether the rivers should not, as the Commissioner for Roads puts it, 'be used in producing something to transport rather than in transporting it.'

"To open the Murrumbidgee between Hay and Wagga, and the Darling between Wentworth and Walgett, for navigation by vessels establishing communication with Melbourne by way of Echuca, and with Adelaide by way of Blanche Town, it will be necessary to construct locks as well as weirs, and the cost of establishing through communication would be increased by the additional works required. If, however, the rivers are to be primarily considered as sources for water supply, and navigation is to be regarded as an adjunct to the railways, the locking of the rivers would not be needed to the same extent, if needed at all, for a comparatively few weirs would create many miles of water-way which station-holders along the banks of the rivers could take advantage of for the carriage of their wool and return supplies to the nearest railway terminus. For this purpose vessels having a draught of from two to three feet would be built, as was done in the attempt which was made to keep open navigation to Walgett.

"The census returns of population appear to include the whole of the population on the Darling in the registry districts of Bourke and Wentworth; and from these it will be seen that the population of the former district (into the heart of which the railway has already been taken) is one person to six square miles, while that of the latter (whose boundaries extend so far south as to include Euston on the Murray) is only one person to 10 square miles. From the report of the Collector of Customs for 1884 we observe that the Darling at Bourke has not been navigable for any but short periods since 1879. In 1880 it was 'navigable for a short period;' in 1881 for a 'very short time;' in 1882 the river 'rose twice during the season;' in 1883 it was 'unnavigable nearly the whole season;' and in 1884 it was 'navigable twice, but of very short duration.' The total value of the imports at Wentworth, upon which all the Darling trade is concentrated, during the five years ending December, 1884, was £1,872,439, and of the exports £4,534,068, the annual mean value being £374,487 and £906,813 respectively.

"This may be taken as representing the aggregate value of the trade of all the ports on the Darling with South Australia, the Victorian share of it being inconsiderable. Victoria, on the other hand, appears to enjoy almost a monopoly of the river-borne traffic of the Murrumbidgee, which, for Customs purposes, centres at Hay. Mr. J. C. Howden states that the depth of water in the shallowest places at ordinary summer levels is from 1 foot to 1 foot 6 inches, and he has seen it year after year as low as that in numerous places. The river remains at summer level from January till the end of May at Balranald, and probably two months longer at Hay, so that navigation to Balranald is practicable for five or six months, and to Hay for four or five months. The aggregate value of the imports at Hay for the same period of five years was £71,267, and of the exports £2,462,506, the mean annual value being £14,253 and £492,501. The railway was opened to Hay on the 4th July, 1882, and it will be seen from the following figures that there has been a steady and marked decline in the river-borne traffic to and from Hay since then:—

Year.	Imports.	Exports.
1882	£32,762	£480,061
1883	13,395	295,089
1884	6,591	109,250

"The effect of the railway to Bourke upon the river-borne traffic of the Darling will, in all probability, be much more rapid and decisive than that upon the steamer traffic with Hay. The natural result of the present condition of things would be to extinguish the trade with South Australia, and transfer it to Sydney by way of Bourke. It will be of as much consequence to pastoralists to get their wool rapidly into the market as it will be to merchants to reduce the amount of their unproductive capital. Vessels of a smaller draught than those which are anchored in the river sometimes for nearly a twelvemonth, will probably be brought into requisition, to distribute the river trade to and from Bourke, or any other railway terminus on the river which may hereafter be created; and, in this way, there is reason to expect that communication, hitherto by an annual or semi-annual voyage to Adelaide, will be cheap, quick, and regular by rail with Sydney.

"Navigation, as it has hitherto been practicable between the points named, has been very risky and intermittent. At intervals of years a steamer from Adelaide will arrive at Walgett, while almost the same may be said of Brewarrina. Under ordinary conditions it has been no uncommon thing for pastoralists to have had two or three season's clips of wool upon their hands, awaiting the arrival of the river barges to carry it to Melbourne or Adelaide. With the railway actually opened to Bourke, and the probability of other lines being constructed to points on the Darling to the south of it, it seems certain that railway traffic will wholly supersede the intercolonial river-borne traffic of the Darling, as the railway to Hay has to a great extent superseded that on the Murrumbidgee, where navigation is practicable for longer and more regular periods.

"In regarding the rivers as sources of water supply for stock and agricultural purposes we discover in them the means of bringing fertility to large tracts of rich but now unproductive soil along their course, and of vitalising all the industrial capabilities of the districts through which they flow. Viewing them simply as highways for traffic, we anticipate that after a vast expenditure of public money the country adjacent to them will remain in pretty much the same condition as it is at present, with even its pastoral capabilities only partially developed, and that the sole result of that expenditure will be the transportation of what little wool a mere handful of people are able to produce, to colonies which contribute nothing towards the cost of the carrying facilities by which they are benefited. From the consideration which we have been able to give to the question, we are of opinion that railways will give all the facilities for carriage which are requisite, and that public expenditure upon the southern and western portions of the colony should be made with a view to increasing the means of conserving and distributing water over the dry districts through which they flow. The only exceptions which we should make to this rule would be that, if in any case it should be found that navigation can be adopted at a moderate expense as a means of feeding our railways without interfering with the interests of water supply, the works carried out on the rivers should be designed to suit both purposes."

THE SOUDAN ENCAMPMENT.

Yesterday afternoon the entertainment at the Exhibition Building known by the name of the Soudan Encampment was visited by Lord and Lady Carrington. His Excellency arrived at the Exhibition at about half-past 4, accompanied by the Hon. Lady Carrington, the Hon. Judith Harbord, and Lord Bertie, A.D.C. The vice-regal party was received by Cardinal Moran, Dr. O'Haran, Mr. Justice Faucett, Sir Patrick Jennings, M.L.A.; Mr. T. M. Slattery, M.L.A.; Alderman MacMahon, Mr. Hourigan (the chairman), Mr. Crawley, C. O'Neill, Mr. Sheerin, Mr. Hennessy, Mr. H. M'Guire, and others connected with the exhibition. Sir Alexander Stuart was also present. Lady Carrington and Miss Harbord were presented with bouquets by four little girls—Miss Slattery, Miss Guy, Miss Crawley, and Miss M'Cauley; and the party then entered the large hall, the band playing the National Anthem. The way to the platform was lined by the ladies of the exhibition, whose varied and brilliant costumes formed a pretty framework; and the body of the hall was filled by one of the largest gatherings yet recorded, about 2000 having passed through the stiles. On reaching and ascending the platform, Sir Patrick Jennings, on behalf of the exhibition committee, welcomed Lord and Lady Carrington to the entertainment, and asked the Cardinal to thank his Excellency and Lady Carrington for having extended their support to this charitable undertaking. Cardinal Moran briefly thanked the Governor and Lady Carrington for the honour of their presence. At the call of Mr. Hourigan, three hearty cheers were then given for Lord and Lady Carrington. His Excellency, in replying, expressed his pleasure and that of Lady Carrington in being present, and took the opportunity to thank the Cardinal and Sir Patrick for the very kind manner in which they had brought forward his name and that of Lady Carrington. It was a source of real pleasure to them to come to this exhibition, and he hoped that the charities would reap a proper reward from the great energy that had been displayed by all the kind friends who had interested themselves on their behalf. (Applause.) In accordance with his Excellency's request, the vice-regal party were conducted round the exhibition. They made several purchases and his Excellency intimated that he would give a donation towards the object of the entertainment. A handsome bouquet, specially made up, was presented to Lady Carrington by Miss Earls, who presides at the flower stall. After having looked around the stalls, the party returned to the platform, and witnessed the dancing of a Spanish waltz and a Highland fling, by Miss Minnie and Master Willie Crawley. His Excellency then left the exhibition, and the party drove off amid the cordial cheering of the gathering. The ordinary business of the bazaar was then resumed, and the fair "Arabs" proved themselves as successful as ever in their raids on the pockets of the visitors.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

ASHFIELD.

The fortnightly meeting of the Ashfield Borough Council was held at the usual hour on Tuesday evening. Present: Alderman Holborow (presiding in the absence of the Mayor), Aldermen Hobbs, Clark, Lyttle, Josephson, Mortley, and Hammond. A quantity of correspondence on minor matters was disposed of. The manager of the Anglo-Australian Investment, Finance, and Land Company wrote: "The Summer Hill Estate, through which you have cut a drain, is the property of this company, and we do not recognise your right to have done so. We beg to inform you that some arrangement must be come to, mutually agreeable we hope, by which the drain can be diverted along Smith-street, towards the expense of which, without prejudice "we are prepared to subscribe." The clerk was instructed to reply that the council had obtained full permission from the original owners to cut the drain prior to the company having purchased the property, and the drain had also been cut before that time. It appeared that the purchaser had bought this piece of property at a land sale, not knowing that it was a drain. A letter was received from the same source, offering to dedicate to the public a road called Highbury-parade, Croydon. As the road had been dedicated, aligned, and metalled some years ago, the letter was simply received. The clerk to the Petersham Council forwarded the following extract from a report of the lighting committee, adopted at the last meeting of that body:—"That as a considerable portion of the Old Canterbury-road is bounded by the boroughs of Petersham and Ashfield, and whereas the lighting of said lamps has fallen on this borough for years past, we respectfully desire to draw the attention of the Mayor and aldermen of Ashfield to the subject, with a view of the Ashfield council erecting lamp for lamp at proper distances along the said road, and that this committee will be glad to meet the lighting committee of Ashfield with reference to the matter." The letter was referred to the lighting committee. Permission was granted Mr. F. Giles Norton to erect two iron posts at each corner of the carriage drive fronting Norton-street, to hitch horses to, and keep them off the footway. Mr. W. Wilson complained that provision for drainage opposite his dairy, Victoria-square, had been only partially done, and consequently a malignant nuisance existed. He asked the council if the matter was beyond its jurisdiction, that it would call upon the owners to effect a remedy. The inspector was instructed to give the matter his immediate attention. Mr. H. J. Green, hon. secretary to the Croydon Congregational Church, forwarded plan and surveyor's description of land proposed to be dedicated by the church to the borough to increase the width of Elizabeth-street West. Mr. Mark Smith wrote, saying he had been informed by the overseer that the work of kerbing and guttering would be discontinued for the present, and he made an offer to carry out the work for the remainder of the municipal year upon payment of 33 per cent. as the work proceeds, and the balance upon the first council meeting in May, 1886. On the motion of Alderman Mortley, seconded by Alderman Clark, the offer was accepted. Owing to the illness of the overseer no report was received from that officer. The inspector of nuisances reported having prosecuted and obtained convictions against a number of persons for breaches of the by-laws. He had received several complaints about nuisances, and inspected the places complained of. He called attention to the necessity of a fresh depot for house rubbish, as the present one was adjacent to occupied houses. The clerk was instructed to write to the owner of the present depot, informing him that objections had been taken to it, and stating that the council would be glad if he would give them permission to deposit rubbish in some more suitable locality. Alderman Hobbs drew attention to the want of a few loads of metal in Grosvenor-crescent. The receipts during the fortnight were £145 19s. 8d.; accounts were passed amounting to £434 1s. 4d.; the balance to credit in the bank is £755 11s. 2d., and the council has no liabilities. The following resolutions were carried:—Proposed by Alderman Wortley and seconded by Alderman Josephson,—"That the works committee inspect Frederick-street, opposite the entrance to Albert-parade, with a view to metalling that portion not already metalled." Proposed by Alderman Clark, and seconded by Alderman Hobbs *pro forma*,—"That this council now take into consideration the expediency of borrowing a sum of money, not exceeding £10,000, to be expended in improvements in the borough."

CAMPERDOWN.

The usual meeting of the Camperdown Borough Council, which should have been held on Tuesday evening, lapsed for want of a quorum.

LEICHHARDT.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Leichhardt Borough Council, held on Tuesday evening, there were present the Mayor (Alderman John Young, in the chair), Aldermen S. G. Davison, J. Evans, Charles Hearn, B. Moore, and U. C. Neal. Mr. H. M. Hyde, secretary to the Leichhardt Ratepayers' Association wrote stating that a concert was to be held under the auspices of the association, in the Albert Hall on the 12th January, under the conductorship of Alderman Neal, the object being to increase the funds and usefulness of the association, and to induce ratepayers to take a greater interest in municipal matters. He therefore requested the patronage of the council, which it was decided should be given. Mr. T. W. Crook, Devon Cottage, Marlborough-street, complained of suffering from a nuisance emanating from cottages situated below his place, and it was reported the inspector had visited the place. Mr. J. A. Dowling, solicitor for Messrs. Laidley and Gillard, intimated that if Balmain-road was widened, and his clients' property interfered with, they would expect compensation. It was received with instructions to be acknowledged. A complaint from Mr. H. Breaknell, Norton-street, relative to the smoke from the chimney of an adjoining factory, was received; an intimation to be sent in reply that the matter was beyond the jurisdiction of the Council. The overseer reported on works in progress, and stated £136 7s. 9d. had been expended upon them since last meeting. Items amounting to £504 8s. 6d. were submitted and passed for payment. The inspector of nuisances reported that he had summoned and obtained convictions against a number of persons for contravening the by-laws. Alderman Scott moved,—"That the resolution passed on the motion of Alderman Evans on the 13th August, 1883, 'that £3500 be expended on the building of a Town Hall,' be at once carried out, and that plans and specifications be invited for a suitable building. The cost to be defrayed out of the general rates equally between the wards." He urged that the time had arrived when a suitable hall should be erected. The motion was seconded by Alderman Evans, and after a long discussion it was withdrawn, it being understood it would be brought up again. The following motions were carried:—Moved by Alderman Scott, and seconded by Alderman Hearn,—"That £3 be voted for erecting a crush in the pound." Moved by Alderman Moore, and seconded by Alderman Hearn,—"That £35 additional be voted for Taylor-street." Moved by Alderman Neal, and seconded by Alderman Hearn,—"That the Government be requested by a deputation to extend the tramway to the public park."

PETERSHAM.

There was no meeting of the Petersham Borough Council on Tuesday evening, owing to the holiday season, aldermen having indulged in a month's recess.

PARRAMATTA.

The fortnightly meeting of the Parramatta Council, which was fixed for yesterday afternoon, lapsed owing to absence of a quorum. Those present were Aldermen Byrnes, Joseph Booth, Cox, Rutter, and Saunders.

LAW REFORM.—XII.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In closing this series of letters, which have been chiefly devoted to considering how the costliness and delays of our present system of law procedure so commonly complained of can be avoided, I have done little more than reproduce proposals made by me in the press and elsewhere between the years 1866 and 1872 for a codification of our laws; the adoption of a more simple system of procedure; the elevation of our District Courts into Primary Courts, empowered to deal with all law matters on the spot, with a prompt appeal to the senior Judges of the Supreme Court sitting as a Court of Appeal; the introduction of a system of fixed costs as between party and party; the right to contract for services as between attorney and client; and the establishment of an Australian High Court of Appeal.

But, though little has been done in this colony, I have been able to show that while we have been indifferent, or at least inactive, some of these matters have been adopted in England, some in India, some by some of our colonies, and mostly all by America and Canada.

Of these proposed law reforms my suggestions for a system of "fixed costs" have, as might be expected, attracted most disapproval on the part of the profession. But, while I shall at all times be ready to discuss these questions personally with members of the profession, I do not care to enter upon a paper warfare with critics, like a recent correspondent who not only raises crude objections, which a more careful perusal of my confessedly incomplete proposals would solve, but is so inaccurate in his statement as to the present practice of the law as to make his condemnation of little moment. I know, too, how useless it is to attempt to convince when training and prejudice oppose approval; but when proposals have passed into the domain of accomplished facts, they must be met by positive, and not by merely negative objections. It is therefore useless for your correspondents, or any other prejudiced persons, to say that a system of "fixed costs" is impracticable, impossible, inequitable, or unreasonable, in face of the fact before stated, that thousands of lawyers have been practising in the United States for over 40 years under a scale of "fixed costs," very, very far below those suggested by me. Nor can such objections prevail in face of the examples of a like system—not, it is true, fixed in the way of a lump sum for each stage of an action as I have proposed, but limited as to each item—which we find in the practice of the county courts of England and Victoria, and the district courts of this colony and Queensland. Now, as experience has proved this to be practicable for sums of £200, £250, and £500 (such sums being the limit of the various jurisdictions of these courts), why should such a system not be applicable to larger amounts? And why should not such costs be averaged as to each stage of every law proceeding? Such an average is really the basis of a scale of fixed costs.

But a complete answer to all objectors and all objections is now supplied by information which has reached me in consequence of the publication of those letters that a scale of "fixed costs," almost identical with that I have so long advocated, has been in force as to all business in the Supreme Court of New Zealand since 1882. I have delayed this letter, waiting receipt of a copy of these costs. But, now it is to hand, I find I cannot ask space to print the entire scale. Comprising charges to meet all stages of an action, all interlocutory applications, and indeed all proceedings between plaintiffs and defendants from the commencement of a law suit up to appeal and final settlement, it is necessarily more voluminous than the scale I suggested, and which you printed in a previous issue. I will, however, state, by way of example, that assuming verdicts for sums of £300, £500, and £1000, and supposing two counsel to be employed, and one interlocutory application to have been allowed in each case during their progress, the "fixed costs" to be paid by the unsuccessful defendants under the New Zealand Act would respectively be £67 16s., £78 11s., and £144 17s.; under my proposed scale the amounts would be respectively be £87 3s., £127 18s., and £140 8s. Under the scale in force in the United States (excepting California, where no costs whatever are allowed between party and party), the fixed costs would only be £11 16s., not varying there with the amount of the verdict. Should the cases go to a hearing on appeal, the total fixed costs would, under the New Zealand scale respectively, be increased to £78 6s., £91 3s., and £160 12s. Under the scale proposed by me they would be respectively increased to £101 6s. 6d., £146 16s., and £159 6s. In the United States other than California they would be increased to £25 16s., not varying with the amount of the verdict. To these fixed costs would have to be added in every case the court and jury fees, mileage, witnesses' expenses, and all other certified disbursements.

And here let me note that, as the English law by which clients can contract with their attorneys for services is also in force in New Zealand, and all that I have contended for in regard to a system of fixed costs, as well between attorney and client as between party and party, is in operation there; and the fact that so small a difference should exist between the scale of fixed costs I have proposed and that which has been adopted by the Legislature of New Zealand will show that I have well considered the subject, and in a liberal spirit.

As to the other main portion of the subject of these letters—the "law's delay"—of which there is so much complaint, the remedy is to be found in additional courts and more judges. Whether this be effected by additional Supreme Court sittings or by advancing our District Courts to the position of Primary Courts, with an appeal to the senior judges of the Supreme Court sitting as a court of appeal, the block can only be prevented by more courts of same kind, and by the separation of appellate business from the hearing of causes. Under the present system constant adjournments of the hearing of appeals for the hearing of new causes, notwithstanding the best efforts of our judges, leave term after term a large number of appeals and new causes to go over as remanets to the succeeding sittings, causing great loss of time and money to appellants, suitors, and witnesses. By apportioning the hearing of appeals to senior judges, and the hearing of new causes to such members of the bench as shall not be engaged in hearing appeals, the Appeal and Primary Courts would be able to sit continuously for the despatch of business. I urged this course as far back as 1872, and I observe that since I commenced this series of letters a bill has been introduced into the Parliament of Victoria for carrying out a plan which, providing for the advancement of their "County Courts" to the position of "Primary Courts," the sitting of their Supreme Court Judges as a Court of Appeal, and the separation by these means of appellate business from new causes, embodies the whole of my suggestions, and though this bill has been temporarily withdrawn, it will, doubtless, soon become law in that colony.

As to this colony, I am in some respect glad to see that a member of the profession has tabled a notice of motion for a royal commission on the subject. But *Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes*; I fear the efforts of an attorney in the matter of law reform. The subject has been so completely ventilated from time to time, here and elsewhere, that a commission can obtain little more information; and unless a large proportion of shrewd laymen are put on the commission, it is more likely to prove obstructive than assistant to improvement. I would have been better pleased to have seen the mover bring in a complete measure for law reform, as I contemplated doing myself. I am, &c.,

C. STUART CANSDELL.

Chambers, 28th December.

THE NEW MINISTRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The new Ministry is receiving somewhat of a cold reception in various quarters. There was an attempt at anything but fair-play, under the auspices of Mr. Abbott, in the House; but this met with well-merited discountenance.

If it were just (and nothing, surely, could be more so) to demand fair-play, and a fair trial upon their measures, for the late Government, upon what principle of justice and fair dealing can such a trial be refused to the present men? It is said we want a Government of strong men of the House. But are there any strong men in the House? This is a question that had better be answered before the other is put. Would a Government of Sir Henry Parkes, with his Suttors, Renwicks, Bakers, and Fosters, be a Government of the strong men of the House?

If I know Sir Henry Parkes, he has never wanted strong men to join him in the Government, but rather looked about for weak men, with what he calls "social recognition," and sufficiently pliable not to interfere with his supremacy in the Cabinet; and, moreover, he has generally found them. A strong man means a man who has opinions of his own, and is resolute to have them adopted and embodied in the legislation of the country; a man who has a fine capability of unfolding his opinions and clothing them with attractive and persuasive words, possessed of a rich mine of comprehensive original ideas upon all social and political questions, and a rare aptitude in giving practical effect to all his theories, and bringing them to bear upon the legislation of the country with marked advantage to the people's interests. Such a strong man as this is not wanted. He would disturb the equanimity and peaceful repose of the Cabinet, and therefore such a man is passed over, and a dull, stolid, comparatively ignorant man, with a reputation of quiet respectability, is preferred and appointed. Take the various Ministries that have been formed during the last 10 years, and he would be a very accurate man who could estimate the difference, in point of intelligence, between them. The present Ministry, I have no hesitation in saying, is just about as capable and intelligent as any Ministry I have seen here for the last quarter of a century, and I speak with a full knowledge of every member of the present Government as well as of every member of every Ministry that has existed during the time specified.

There is Sir John Robertson himself, with his large experience and great natural ability. A man so popular and well liked that I do not believe he has a single enemy, and whose health, I was delighted to hear this very day from an authentic source, was as good as ever it was. The Treasurer, Mr. Burns, is a most careful and exact man, with a clear head and sound judgment, and who, at all events, has not hopelessly bungled his own private finances. The Minister for Lands, Mr. Spring, is as intelligent and honourable a man as ever occupied that position, and I say this with a thorough appreciation of Mr. Abbott's marked ability in the office. The Minister for Works, Mr. Garrard: I will not be the least surprised if he performs the duties of his office in a manner that will gain the esteem of both sides of the House as well as the public at large. He is full of shrewd common sense, and I predict his success. The Attorney-General, Mr. G. B. Simpson, is too well known to require any eulogy from me. He is an able and distinguished member of the Bar, and a source of strength to the Administration. The Minister of Justice, Mr. Heydon, is a professional man, in large business, and no one will deny his capacity to perform effectively the duties of his office. Mr. Vaughn, the Minister for Mines, is a practical miner, of large experience and thorough knowledge of the interests he is appointed to preside over. The Minister of Education, Mr. Young, is as competent, in my opinion, as any gentleman whom I have ever known in that office. He is a keen, accurate, able man of business, and quite equal to the duties he has now to transact. Mr. O'Connor, the Postmaster-General, has been more harshly dealt with than any of the others. Yet it strikes me as strange that while no exception was taken to the appointment of the late Postmaster-General, there should be anything said against Mr. O'Connor. He has been a faithful member of his party, many years a representative of the people, and is possessed of ability quite equal to the performance of the duties of his office. These, then, are the members of the Government, and it is from a strong feeling of justice and fair dealing that I have spoken of them individually, not only because I know them well, but because I feel they have not deserved the censures that have been passed upon them, nor to be so flippantly undervalued as they have been. The question arises, could Sir Henry Parkes form a stronger Government? I believe he could not. The three strongest men, intellectually, in the House are, in my opinion, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Garvan, and Mr. Abbott, and not one of them, I believe, would join Sir Henry Parkes, if we are to believe what they have said, neither do I think Mr. Wisdom or Mr. Reid would join him. Sir John Robertson has got better men in his Government than those he first spoke to, who, it is said, refused to join him. Had Sir Henry Parkes accepted office under Sir John it would have united a strong body against the Government, and I say again that Sir John will very soon experience the advantage of not having Sir Henry Parkes a member of the Government.

We hear of a vote of censure the moment the Parliament meets. This will only strengthen the Government. If the Government is to be defeated, let it be done on the production of their measures. Sir John Robertson is full of resources—he has a commanding knowledge of the situation. He is surrounded by good, true, honest men, capable and intelligent, and quite as much entitled to a fair trial as were their predecessors. I am, &c.,

DAVID BUCHANAN.

Chambers, Wentworth-court, Dec. 30.

THE SECRET OF BEAUTY.—Bridal Bouquet Bloom imparts exquisite beauty to the face, neck, arms, and hands, and is preferred to all face powders and other liquids. A single application, requiring but a moment of time, imparts exquisite beauty, with a natural brilliancy, purity, and charming fragrance. It removes freckles and sunburn, and prevents all roughness and wrinkles. Sold by all Chemists and Perfumers. Depot, 114 and 116, Southampton Row, London.—[ADVT.]

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—December 30.

Bega (s.), 355 tons, Captain G. Hersee, from Eden 29th instant, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. Quinlevin, Mrs. Locket, Mrs. Murray, Miss Gorman, Miss Crawshaw, Miss Manning, Miss Garton, Miss Style, Messrs. Curtis, Darcy, Canning, Sharp, Baker, Burry, A. M. Noble, Harrison, Harper, Wilson, Schlieff, and 3 in the steerage. I. S. N. Company, agents.

Elamang (s.), 946 tons, Captain J. E. Butcher, from Port Douglas 22nd instant, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. Scotland, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Mohn, Mrs. Bayley and child, Mrs. Berdy, Messrs. Taylor, H. Jones, J. Bayley, Pass, Gascoigne, Scotland, Maxwell, H. Stuart, and 18 in the steerage. A. S. N. Company, agents.

Coraki (s.), 850 tons, Captain S. Portans, from Macleay River 29th instant. Passengers—Mrs. Holdsworth, Mrs. Hamshyne, Mrs. Mahoney, Miss Rowe, Miss Lassell, Miss A. Bayes, Messrs. Hunt, Dennis, Steeder (2), Holdsworth, M'Callum, Pagsley, Raymond, Cox, Rudder, Regan, Wall, Lovenloose, Knott, Ryan, Wickham, Johnson, Mackay, Boyes, and 7 in the steerage. C. and R. R. S. N. Co., agents.

Hesketh (s.), 640 tons, Captain H. Rowe, from Port Mackay 23rd instant, via Brisbane 28th instant. A. S. N. Company, agents.

Richmond (s.), 640 tons, Captain Benjamin Alley, from Richmond River 29th instant. Passengers—Miss Easton, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Dockrell, Messrs. G. R. Nicoll, W. C. Robertson, J. Easton, J. Cook, W. Barker, J. Walker, G. Walker, J. Riddle, J. Woulf, G. Evans, and 3 in the steerage. B. R. Nicoll, agent.

DEPARTURES.—December 30.

Maranoa (s.), for Cooktown, via ports.
Cintra (s.), for Brisbane and Northern ports.
Burwah (s.), for Brisbane and Northern ports.
Gambier (s.), for Adelaide, via Melbourne.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—December 31.

Sir John Franklin, three-masted schooner, for Wellington, via Newcastle; Fernmount (s.), for Bellinger River; Brunswick (s.), for Macleay River; Meeinderry (s.), for Shoalhaven and Broughton Creek; Corinna (s.), for Hobart, via Eden.

CLEARANCES.—December 30.

Burwah (s.), 980 tons, Captain J. H. South, for Brisbane, Maryborough, and Rockhampton. Passengers—Mrs. J. Field and family (4), Mrs. France, Mrs Ryan, Mrs. H. W. Bryant, Miss Beck, Miss Handley, Miss Hopkins, Miss Mickle, Miss Smith, Messrs. G. Carr-Boyd, France, J. Bell, W. T. Jones, A. Bates, A. Gross, M'Corley, J. Maxwell, W. B. Haigh, Captain G. Andrews, R. Toms, R. Crosbie, A. W. L. Anderson, W. Watson, H. W. Bryant, and 30 in the steerage.

Gambier (s.), 1554 tons, Captain R. R. Brown, for Melbourne and Adelaide. Passengers—Mrs. Ford and family (3), Mrs. Black, Mrs. Young and child, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Stone and child, Mrs. Thynne, Mrs. Wakefield, Miss A. Harrison, Miss E. Harrison, Miss A. Watson, Miss Orr, Miss Elder, Miss J. Donovan, Miss Thynne, Miss K. Thynne, Misses Cairncross (2), Miss Weistan, Miss Stuart, Hon. A. J. Thynne, Messrs. J. Walker, W. A. Roberts, A. Thynne, J. M'Mahon, J. H. Ford, K. Green, Elder, D. Dwyer, P. C. J. Glass, R. O'Neill, W. Young, A. Young, A. Daley, C. L. Wragge, P. S. Bullock, W. B. Haig, Stone, W. J. Lewis, M. Reid, and 70 in the steerage.

Maranoa (s.), 1505 tons, Captain W. W. Hampton, for Cooktown, via ports. Passengers—Miss Sutton and 2 children, Mrs. Tralaw, Mrs. Loveday and maid, Mr. Wm. Tralaw, Messrs. H. J. D. King, J. Kane, Bucley, Leslie Leigh, W. Carroll, H. Kirby, A. P. Loveday, C. E. Loveday, H. F. Loveday, W. Le Couteur, and 25 in the steerage.

Cintra (s.), 1979 tons, Captain J. Banks, for Brisbane and Northern ports. Passengers—Mrs. J. Burrough, Mrs. Radcliff, Mrs. Kelly, Miss Williams, Miss Ferrier, Mrs. Ralvfohns, Mrs. Taylor and child, Messrs. J. Burrough, Master Warren, J. Crawford, J. Marshall, W. Stuart, J. Brocktur, W. Wheeler, D. Gregory, H. Ogilvie, J. Taylor, F. Hanch, L. Helffenstein, and 38 in the steerage.

Vision, brig, 159 tons, Captain R. Coe, for Rockhampton, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Alexander Newton, barque, 309 tons, Captain W. Newton, for Melbourne, via Grafton.

COASTERS INWARDS.—December 30.

Tweed (s.), from Tweed River, with 15,000 feet cedar logs; Annie, from Wollongong, with 100 tons coal; Garron, from Newcastle, with 280 tons coal; Monarch, from Richmond River, with 85,000 feet timber; Muruna, from Bermagui, with 300 bags bark; Bonnie Dundee, from Bateman's Bay, with 40,000 feet timber; Mana, from Kiama, with 150 tons metal; Surprise, from Bellinger River, with 12,000 feet cedar and sundries; Hastings, from Port Macquarie, with 34,000 feet logs; Integrity, from Port Stephens, with 30,000 feet timber; Sea Foam, from Manning River, with 33,000 feet timber; Sarah Beattie, from Bermagui, with sundries; Bound to Win, from Broken Bay, with 40 tons wood; Countess of Errol, from Newcastle, with 325 tons coal; Ada, from Manning River, with 17,000 feet timber.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—December 30.

Countess of Errol, Garron, Mana, for Newcastle; Tweed (s.), for Tweed River; Annie, for Wollongong; Monarch, for Richmond River; Muruna, Sarah Beattie, for Bermagui; Bonnie Dundee, for Bateman's Bay; Surprise, for Bellinger River; Hastings, for Port Macquarie; Integrity, for Port Stephens; Sea Foam, Ada, for Manning River; Bound to Win, for Broken Bay.

IMPORTS.—December 30.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.]

Hesketh (s.), from Port Mackay, via Brisbane: 534 tons 12cwt. 3qr. sugar.

Elamang (s.), from Port Douglas, via ports: 5516 bags sugar, 1500 mats sugar, 169 hides, 8 hogsheads tallow, 21 cases pines, 439 bags tin ore, 2 bales sheepskins, and 18 cases of sundries; for Melbourne, 2377 bags sugar.

Ex Cumberland: 50 reels paper—John Fairfax and Sons.

Ex Massilia: 55 cases Pommery and Greno's Sec. champagne—Prats and Harcourt.

Ex Parramatta: 250 real York hams, Finnis and Fisher's, and Yates'—Prats and Harcourt.

EXPORTS.—December 30.

Cintra (s.), for Brisbane and Northern ports: 98 bales hay, 50 packages flour, 72 bags potatoes, 36 cases fruit, 212 bales chaff, 36 bags maize, 17 bags bran, 10 cases salmon, 5 cases sauce, 45 cases, 3 bales hops, 5 tanks malt, 61 casks white lead, 10 crates bottles, 15 cases vestas, 4 cases cucumbers, 22 cases nails, 4 cases preserved fruit, 96 rolls netting, 9 cases galvanised iron, 2 cases [illegible], 4 casks tar, 112 bars 15 bundles iron, 20 kegs paint, 10 [illegible], 10 bars steel, 1 parcel watches, 4 packages copper, 134 packages merchandise, sundries; also original cargo from Melbourne.

Burwah (s.), for Brisbane and Northern ports: 487 cases fruit, 150 bags bark, 49 bags onions, 8 packages bran, 44 bales hay, 100 bags chaff, 93 bags potatoes, 40 bags rice, 100 bags salt, 20 casks pork, 10 cases cheese, 50 drums linseed oil, 1180 packages flour, 14 cases sulphuric and 14 cases acid, 10 cases schnapps, 80 cases stout, 10 half-barrels salmon, 26 cases nails, 14 boiler plates, 2 iron girders, 1 parcel jewellery, 3 casks putty, 57 bags oatmeal, 4 cases drapery, 3 boxes cutlery, 2 cases cottons, 85 packages merchandise and sundries.

Gambier (s.), for Adelaide, via Melbourne: 89 bags oysters, 4 bales skins, 159 bales wool, 25 cases China oil, 366 bags bark, 2 cases cottons, 4 cases jam, 8 cases pineapples, 4 packages hops, 104 ingots copper, 127 bags ore, 17 bundles bags, 18 bags bones, 187 bundles rattans, 100 cases fruit, 2 cases hats, 4 baskets prawns, 17 trunks boots, 14 cases cucumbers, and 249 cases merchandise and sundries.

Maranoa (s.), for Cooktown, via ports: 1323 packages flour, 131 bags potatoes, 60 bags bark, 69 bags bran, 41 bags maize, 1128 bags chaff, 199 cases fruit, 21 cases sewing-machines, 100 cases hop bitters, 30 empty hogsheads, 20 cases currants, 220 cases jams, 2 packages ironmongery, 15 cases salmon, 10 cases schnapps, 20 cases sauce, 11 bags beche-de-mer, 6 hogsheads and 20 cases ale, 10 cases sardines, 5 cases lobsters, 252 pieces roofing, 4 bags bolts, 2 buggies, 7 coils rope, 6 cases waters, 51 packages merchandise, and sundries.

Custom House.—Entered Outwards: December 30, Alexander Newton, barque, 309 tons, Captain W. Newton, for Melbourne, via Grafton; Jane A. Falkinburg, American three-masted schooner, 295 tons, Captain F. Clinger, for San Francisco, via Newcastle; North Star, barque, 389 tons, Captain G. F. Moorhouse, for Guam, via Newcastle; Maranoa (s.), 865 tons, Captain W. W. Hampton, for Cooktown, via ports; Cintra (s.), 117. tons, Captain J. Banks, for Brisbane.

The following passengers are booked by the R.M.S. Alameda, Captain Morse, to leave to-day for San Francisco, via Auckland and Honolulu:—For London: Mrs. Samuel Proctor, Miss Proctor. For San Francisco: Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Clinton. For Auckland: Rev. and Mrs. C. Hesketh, Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Brindley Hall, Mrs. Moore and 2 children, Mrs. O'Keefe, Mrs. Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Knox and child, Mr. and Mrs. M'Donald, Mr. and Mrs. M'Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Want, Misses O'Keeffe (2), Miss Christian, Miss Emily Christian, General Geo. S. Field, Messrs. J. E. Moore, R. S. Smythe, Armes Beaumont, Robson, Storey, M'Arthur, B. F. Overberry, S. O. Goldring, L. A. Tallerman, and Master O'Keefe.

The steamship Alhambra, after being in the hands of Mort's Dock and Engineering Company at Balmain for the past eight weeks, was taken for an official trial trip on Thursday last, with very satisfactory results, in the presence of Mr. Cruickshank, the Government engineer, Captains Hall and Banks (representing the insurance companies), and Messrs. Briggs and Ferguson (of the Mort's Dock Company). During the time she has been in the hands of the above mentioned firm the old boilers, airpumps, jet condensers, &c., were removed; a new surface condenser was fitted, also two new boilers, and new bilge-plates, reverse angle irons, and portion of main and sister keelsons under old boilers; otherwise the hull was found to be in a first-class condition. The engines were also thoroughly overhauled and repaired. The new boilers carry an ample supply of steam, and are capable of working up to 28lb. on the square inch. On the measured mile the steamer attained a speed of 11 knots with 25lb. of steam, 27" of vacuum, and 86 revolutions per minute, and gave general satisfaction to all concerned. The whole of the work was carried out under the superintendence of Mr. Johnson, who was chief engineer of the Saxonia for a period of 16 years. The steamer is now ready for service.

The steamer Bega left Eden at 8 a.m. on the 29th instant, called at Merimbula, Tathra, and Bermagui, and arrived at the Company's Wharf, Erskine-street, at 9.20 a.m. on the 30th instant. She had northerly winds and fine weather throughout. Cargo: 1 keg butter, 59 cheese, 1 coop turkeys, 2 cases bacon, 20 bags bark, 2 cases eggs, 1 coop fowls, 1 cask beef, 21 bags cattle food, 7 bags hides, 113 bales wool, and sundries.

The steamer Elamang left port Douglas on the 22nd instant, called at intermediate ports, and arrived at Brisbane on the 27th; left again at 1.30 p.m. next day, and arrived alongside the company's wharf at 1.20 p.m. on the 30th, having experienced light S.E. breeze and cloudy weather to Richmond Heads, and fresh N.E. winds and fine weather to port.

The steamer Coraki crossed Macleay bar on December 29th at 2.30 p.m., and entered Sydney Heads on the 30th at 2 p.m. Experienced strong N.E. winds to Port Stephens, and light variable winds from thence to arrival. Cargo: 358 bags maize, 20 hides, 1 coop poultry, and sundries.

The ship Nineveh is to be taken from Neutral Bay to Pyrmont Bight to-day.

The ship Cumberland is to be berthed at No. 1 Jetty, Grafton Wharf, on Monday next.

Yesterday the American schooner Halcyon was berthed at Wearne's Wharf, at the foot of Bathurst-street.

The R.M.S. Alameda was moved from Neutral Bay to the Union Steamship Company's Wharf yesterday.

The Norwegian barque Orion was berthed at Steele's Wharf yesterday.

The Norwegian barque Charles Bal was towed from the stream to a berth at Burns' Wharf yesterday.

Yesterday the barque Haleniales was berthed at Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay.

The steamer Richmond crossed the Richmond bar outward at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the 29th, and arrived at Russell's Wharf at 3.30 p.m. on the 30th, thus making the passage in 23 hours. Experienced light northerly winds to Seal Rocks, thence to arrival strong northerly winds. Cargo: 926 bags sugar, 34 bags maize, 10 cases k. oil, 4 kegs butter, 7 hides, 73 pine logs, 16 cedar logs, quantity machinery from Cahors, and sundries.

The steamer Hesketh left Port Mackay at 5.30 p.m. on the 23rd instant, arrived at Brisbane at noon on the 26th, left again at 11 a.m. on the 28th, rounded Cape Moreton 3.5 p.m. same day, and entered Sydney Heads at 2.30 p.m. She had light easterly winds to Brisbane spits, thence to Brisbane strong southerly gale with heavy rain, from Moreton to South Solitary light variable winds, thence to Point Stephen fresh northerly winds, and thence light winds to arrival.

A barque, painted red, passed Gabo Island south at 1.20 p.m. yesterday.

The M. M. Company's steamer Oceanien, for Marseilles via ports, passed Gabo Island at 6.50 a.m. yesterday. She is due at Melbourne to-day.

The lugger Maggie, which left yesterday morning for Thursday Island, returned to port last evening, and anchored in Watson's Bay.

The Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer Sydney passed Gabo Island at 6.10 p.m. yesterday. She should reach here this morning.

A barque was in the offing from Jervis Bay at 5.30 p.m., heading north.

The French steamship Sydney, of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes, is due here this afternoon.

The steamship Timor, of Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone, and Co.'s line, is due here this afternoon. She will undergo the usual fumigation process by the health authorities and come up to the wharf probably to-morrow morning. A start will probably be made with the cargo on Saturday morning.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

Brisbane.—Arrivals: December 30, Leichhardt (s.), from Bundaberg and Maryborough. Departures: December 30, Kellawarra (s.), for Townsville, via ports. The Yaralla (s.), for Mackay, arrived at Maryborough; the Archer (s.), from Cooktown for Sydney, arrived at Flat Top Island last night and sailed; the Derwent (s.), from Townsville for Brisbane, arrived at Flat Top Island this morning and sailed; the Warrego (s.), from Brisbane for Cooktown, left Townsville yesterday; the Barcoo, a new steamer, from London for Brisbane, arrived at Cooktown yesterday and sailed; the Tannandice (s.), from Hongkong for Sydney, passed Cape Moreton this afternoon; the Glanworth (s.), from Cooktown for Brisbane, left Keppel Bay this afternoon; the Wentworth (s.), left Port Douglas to-day for Sydney, via ports.

Ballina.—Sailed: December 30, schooner Jessie Matilda; Tomki (s.), at 4 p.m., for Sydney.

Clarence Heads.—Departure: December 30, Helen Nicoll (s.), Lawrence (s.), with Grand in tow; Ika Vuka, schooner, for Sydney.

Newcastle.—Arrivals: December 30, Newcastle (s.), Collaroy (s.), Maitland (s.), Gabo (s.), Boomerang (s.), from Sydney. Departures: December 30, Lady Dufferin, for Manilla, with 1475 tons coal; Taramung (s.), for Melbourne; Freetrade, for Lake Macquarie; Boomerang (s.), Newcastle (s.), Maitland (s.), Malcolm, Scotia, for Sydney.

Gabo Island.—Passed: December 30, Ly-ee-Moon (s.), at 6.10 a.m., M.M. Oceanien (s.), at 6.50 a.m.; Nemesis (s.), at 4.20 p.m.; Tenterden (s.) at 12.50 p.m.; Sydney (s.) at 6.10 p.m. north.

Melbourne.—Sailed: December 30, Dirgadee (s.), for Newcastle; Aristides, for London; Yolandi, for Kaipara; Barrabool (s.), and Quiraing (s.), for Sydney; Tarawera (s.), for Bluff; Benjamin J. Hunt, Jun., for Calcutta.

(FROM THE BOARD AT TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

Richmond Heads.—Passed: December 30, a large steamer, three-masted, red funnel, at 8 a.m., north; Leura (s.), at 5.30 a.m. south.

Nambucca Heads.—Departures: December 30, S. A. Hayward and Delphin, at 4 p.m., for Sydney.

Macleay Heads.—Arrival: December 30, Kamormie, at 8.5 a.m. Departure: December 30, Queen of the South (s.), at 8.30 a.m.

Port Macquarie.—Arrival: December 30, Murray (s.), at 3.30 p.m. Passed: December 30, Queen of the South (s.), at 11.5 a.m.; Ranelagh (s.), at 1.5 p.m., south; Australian (s.), and City of Grafton (s.), at 4 p.m., north.

Pelican Flat.—Departure: December 30, Cora (s.), for Newcastle.

Seal Rocks.—Passed, December 30, a steamer like Ranelagh, at 6.20 p.m., south; Currajong (s.), at 6 a.m.; Rosedale (s.), at 7 a.m.; Woodburn (s.) at noon, north.

Port Stephens.—Passed: December 30, a steamer, at noon, north.

Wollongong.—Arrival: December 30, Allowrie (s.), from Sydney. Departures: December 30, Annie Powell, for Kiama; Moses Fletcher, for Moruya; Allowrie (s.), for Kiama.

Kiama.—Arrivals: December 30, Lass o' Gowrie (s.), Despatch (s.), Allowrie (s.), from Sydney; Annie Powell, from Wollongong. Departure: Despatch (s.), for Wollongong. Passed: Clara Ethel, at 9.20 a.m., south.

Teraka.—Arrival: December 30, Allowrie (s.), at 1 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: December 30, Formosa, at 9 a.m., for Sydney; Forest Queen, at 6 a.m., for Wagonga.

Jervis Bay.—Passed: December 30, a barque in offing at 5.30 p.m., north; Taramung (s.) at 5.15 p.m.; Forest Queen, ketch, at 5 p.m., south.

Green Cape.—Passed: December 30, Tenterden (s.) at 2.50 p.m., north; Nemesis (s.), at 2.30 p.m., south.

Gabo Island.—Passed: December 30, a red-painted barque at 1.30 p.m., south.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Balmain Steam Ferry Company was held to-day, to consider a proposal to wind up the company, with a view to the formation of a new company to carry on the business of the Balmain Ferry and Parramatta River Companies. Captain Heselton presided. The chairman and directors of the company stated reasons for the proposed amalgamation; but, at their request, the meeting was adjourned for a fortnight to enable them to complete their arrangements with the proprietor of the Parramatta River steamships.

In the Import markets there is no business doing, and quotations of all goods are unaltered. The breadstuffs market, however, is decidedly firmer, owing to the higher prices quoted in the southern colonies. In tobacco we hear of the sales of 50 cases of Raven twist and 20 cases of Two Seas Nailrod at agents' prices, besides a quantity now landing and to arrive. The following are the quotations: Raven 20's twist scarce, from 1s. 4½d.; Raven 12's twist, none in stock, from 1s. 4d.; Two Seas Nailrod, none in stock, from 1s. 4½d.; Two Seas pocket pieces, none in stock, from 1s. 4½d. No auction grocery or metal business has been held during the week, owing to the prevailing stagnation.

The regular weekly wool sales have been postponed this week owing to the holidays, but Messrs. Mort and Co. held a sale of small clips and remnants at their warehouses to-day. There was a good attendance and a brisk competition, and a clearance was effected of about 420 bales and sacks at current rates. Greasy fleece brought up to 7d. per lb.; washed fleece, 10d.; and average scoured, 14½d. per lb. 60 lots of dry and station sheepskins were also disposed of, best full fleeced bringing 4½d., and washed skins 5½d. per lb.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co., F. L. Barker, John Bridge, Brunker and Wolfe, J. H. Geddes and Co., and Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, held sales of tallow and hides to-day. The attendance of buyers was small. Very little disposition shown to do business, and the bulk of the catalogues was withdrawn. Prime beef, £21 to £21 15s. No mutton tallow was offered. For extra heavy hides there was a good demand, and sales were made from 4½d. to 4½d.; other descriptions from 3½d.

At the auction sales of marsupial skins to-day, competition was active. Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, and Hill, Clark, and Co. report business at from 6s. to 63s. per dozen, according to size; wallaby, 2s. to 4s.

The value of Imports at the port of Sydney for the week ending 24th December, 1885, amounts to £242,980, of which the principal items are:—

Apparel and drapery, £9128; beer, £3833; coin (sovereigns), £50,000; flour, £5025; hardware, £17,365; iron rails, £1621; kerosene oil, £3700; malt, £2229; oilmen's stores, £4384; opium, £1600; preserved meat, £262; sugar, £13,353; skins and hides, £1450; tinber, £10,391; tin ingots, £7725; tobacco and cigars, £1531; wine, £1825; wheat, £3118; wool, £5083.

The value of Exports for the same period amounted to £504,888, of which the principal items are:—

Bonedust, £998; books and stationery, £1023; boots and shoes, £3086; coin, £6885; drapery, £3935; earthenware, £669; fancy goods, £1039; fruit (green), £2008; hardware, £2610; hides, £1781; jewellery, £1409; machinery, £819; preserved meats, £6020; rice, £964; saddlery, £1518; silver ingots, £3932; skins, £922; tallow, £13,158; tin, £10,182; tobacco, £2011; wine, £952; wool, £216,067.

The following was the Customs revenue received to-day:—

Spirits, £2041 14s. 1d.; wine, still, £94 5s.; ditto, sparkling, £42 11s. 7d.; ale, porter, and beer (in wood), £1 5s.; ditto (in bottles), £286 1s.; cigars, £94 17s. 6d.; tea, £63 2s. 6d.; coffee, £35 7s. 6d.; sugar, unrefined, £115; ditto, molasses, £3 8s. 1d.; rice, £2 13s. 6d.; dried fruits, £37 5s. 8d.; malt, £43 2s. 6d.; hops, £237 12s. 6d.; specific duty, £2228 11s. 7d.; harbour and light rates, £191 1s. 8d.; pilotage, Sydney, £211 1s. 8d.; harbour dues, £9; colonial distilled spirits, £50 12s. 11d.; excise on tobacco, £3 16s.; fisheries royalty, £20 5s.; total, £5817 1s. 3d.

STOCK AND STATION SALE.

Messrs. Macdermott, Loughnan, and Searr report having sold (in conjunction with Messrs. Forrest and Angove, of Perth, W.A.), on account of Mr. Frank Wittenoom, his station, known as Pindeerie, situated in the Murchison district, W.A., containing an area of about 500,000 acres, together with 7000 well-bred sheep, 300 cattle, horses, &c., Messrs. Walsh Bros. being the purchasers.—[Advt.]

LATEST COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Market rate of discount, 3 per cent.
Pig iron, 43s.
Tin: Straits and Australian, £94.
Copper: Wallaroo, £47.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the breadstuffs market to-day flour was quiet at previous rates, and wheat was sold at from 8s. 10d. to 8s. 10½d. Oats realised up to 3s. for prime stout; maize, 4s.; and bran, 14d. to 14½d. A parcel of 3500 bags and pockets of sugars was cleared at full prices. There was not much doing in teas.

THE MAILS.

Mails will be made up at the General Post Office for the undermentioned places as follows:—

THIS DAY.

Melbourne, overland ... 4 & 7 p.m.
Adelaide, overland, via Melbourne ... 3.30 p.m.
Hobart and Launceston, overland to Melbourne, and thence per steamer ... 7 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Eden, by the Corinna (s.) ... 9 a.m.
Auckland and all N. Z. Ports, Navigators Islands, Honolulu, San Francisco, United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe, by the U. S. S. Alameda ... 2 p.m.
Ulladulla and Clyde, by the Allowrie (s.) ... 5 p.m.
Macleay River, by the Coraki (s.) ... 8 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Mauritius, Cape of Good Hope, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe, overland to Melbourne, and thence per M. M. Oceanien (s.) ... 10 a.m.

SATURDAY.

Brisbane and Northern Ports, by the Barrabool (s.) ... noon.
Ditto ditto, by the Quiraing (s.) ... noon.
Brisbane, Townsville, Cooktown, Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Java, Singapore, and Hongkong, by the Guthrie (s.) ... 3 p.m.
Fernmount, by the Fernmount (s.) ... 8 p.m.
Clarence River, by the Helen Nicoll (s.) ... 8 a.m.

DESPATCH OF MAILS FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Despatched	Date.	Letters.	Newspapers.	Late Letters.
U.S.S. Alameda.	This day, Dec. 31, 1885.	Registered, 1 p.m. Ordinary, 2 p.m. 6d the ½ oz.	1 p.m. 1d each.	Will be received at the General Post Office and Custom House up to 3.30 p.m. Extra fee, 6d.

Despatched.	Date.	Letters.	Newspapers.	Late Letters.
Overland to Melbourne and thence per M. M. steamer Oceanien.	Friday, January 1, 1886.	Registered 9.30 a.m. Ordinary, 10 a.m., 6d the ½oz.	9 a.m. 1d each	Will be received up to 10.30 a.m. ex. fee 6d.

For rates to places other than the United Kingdom see "Postal Guide."

Correspondence intended for transmission by the M.M. Co.'s steamers must be endorsed via Marseilles.

ABSTRACT of SALES by AUCTION THIS DAY.

BRUNKER and WOLFE.—At Homebush, at 12, Cattle.

DRANSFIELD BROTHERS.—At Homebush, at 11, Cattle and Sheep.

G. MAIDEN.—At Homebush, at 11, Cattle and Sheep.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN.—At Homebush, at 11, Cattle and Sheep; on the Market Wharf, at 11.30, Oats; at their Stores, at 11.30, Sheepskins.

G. KISS.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles.

W. INGLIS and CO.—At their Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles.

T. R. SMITH and T. COSGROVE.—At their Bazaar, at 12, Horses, Vehicles.

BROWN BROTHERS and CO.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30, Horses, Vehicles; at 12, Vehicles; at Homebush, at 12, Cattle.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At Homebush, at 11, Cattle and Sheep.

WILKINSON and LAVENDER.—At Homebush, Cattle and Sheep.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Yards, at 11, Cows; at 3, Cattle; at Homebush, Cattle and Sheep.

H. M'NAMARA.—At Darling Harbour, at 11.30, Beef, Mutton.

H. L. DUNN and SON.—At 21, Collins-street, Surry Hills, at 10, Furniture; at their Rooms, at 10 and 3, Unredeemed Pledges.

A. MOORE and CO.—At 440, Castlereagh-street, at 11, Furniture, &c.

COHEN and MACKENZIE.—On the Premises, Sussex-street, at 11.30, Building Materials.

KELLETT and ALFORD.—At their Rooms, at 11, Cutlery, Toys, Holloware, Stationery, Fancy Goods, &c.

R. TODD.—On the Premises, Pitt-street, at 11, Furniture, Piano, Buggies, Ironmongery, &c.

R. J. HUGHES and CO.—At 144, Palmer-street, Woolloomooloo, at 11, Furniture, &c.

HARRIS and ACKMAN.—At 608, George-street, at 11, Bedsteads, Palliasses, Toilet Glasses, Furniture, &c.

N. COHEN and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Fancy Goods, China, Ornaments, Photos, Ironmongery, &c.

B. R. HARRIS and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Groceries, Oilmen's Stores, Teas, Sugars, &c.

J. H. GEDDES and CO.—At their Warehouse, at 11, Sheepskins.

RYAN, HAMMOND, and DONKIN.—At Homebush, at 11, Cattle.

MORT and CO.—At Darling Harbour, at 11, Wheat.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Yards, at 11, Calves, Pigs; at 12, Dairy Produce; on the Premises, Queen-street and Waverley-road, Woollahra, at 10, Maize, Oats, Wheat, &c.

HILL, CLARK, and CO.—At Homebush, Cattle and Sheep; at the Chamber of Commerce, at 2.15, Sheepskins, Wool.

S. PROCTER.—At his Mart, at 11, Dairy Produce, Tallow, Wool, &c.

Special Advertisements.

NEW BRIGHTON ESTATE.
LADY ROBINSON'S BEACH.
VIA ROCKDALE STATION (Illawarra Railway Line) and SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY.
CHOICE WATER FRONTAGES.
CHOICE WATER FRONTAGES.
SPLENDID LEVEL BUILDING SITES, with large frontages and great depths, overlooking BOTANY BAY and OUT THROUGH THE BOTANY HEADS TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

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HUNTLEY and BARNARD have been instructed to sell this very unique property, on the Ground, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, January 9, 1886.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1885.

The waste of time and energy involved in a succession of unstable Governments forms a subject for serious consideration on the part of every politician who recognises the true use of politics in a country like our own. There are some politicians, no doubt, who look upon politics as the mere avenue to office; and from their point of view, there can be no waste of time in any change of Administration which promises to gratify their personal ambition. We have, unfortunately, too many specimens of this class; and it is to their misguided energies that the paralytic condition of public affairs at the present time is mainly due. The existence of a strong Government is essential to the progress of every well-ordered community; and if even a majority of the Assembly were animated by the single desire to promote the public interests, they would take steps to secure the existence of such Government. But recent experience goes to show that the representatives of the people as a whole have not a keen sense of their responsibilities. They have voted one Ministry out of office before they had any opportunity of judging them on their merits; and there is a probability that they will vote the present Ministry out of office in much the same manner. This is an emphatic rejection of the principle "Measures not men." because the men were condemned without the slightest reference to their measures. It amounts to saying, indeed, that measures are of no consequence whatever, and that a political programme which promises the best possible results to the country will not even meet with a moment's consideration. That is not always the safe course to follow; but there are occasions when "Men, apart from measures," may be a right cry.

A little analysis of such proceedings will serve to show their character in a clearer light than it generally appears in to the public eye. The formation of a Government is obviously a matter of the highest public importance; it is not less important, perhaps, than the constitution of a Bench of Judges. If the elective principle prevailed here in judicial matters as it does in the United States, the Judges of the Supreme and other Courts would be periodically replaced by their successors; and in such an event the public would soon suffer if it failed to realise the importance of securing the best possible men for the position. Considering the enormous powers placed in the hands of a Ministry under our Constitution, it is surely of the highest importance to the public interests that the men chosen to fill the various offices of State should be the best obtainable. The range of selection is limited enough, it is true; but there should be no reason to doubt that every Premier seeks the assistance of the very best colleagues he can get. Having got them together—a task not easily accomplished, as recent events have shown—the next step is the preparation of a policy, and of the various measures requisite to give it effect. Here the difficulties of an Administration may be said to begin. The preparation of a dozen or so of bills at the commencement of every session, dealing with all sorts of questions presenting all sorts of complications, is not in any sense an easy piece of work. A glance at such measures as the Land Act recently passed, or the Public Health and Local Government Bills which ought by this time to have formed part of our statute law, is quite enough to show that the labour involved in producing them is not light by any means. They represent the result of a good deal of brain-work, preceded by elaborate and extensive inquiry into the various subjects dealt with in each. Few measures of greater importance to the country have at any time been introduced into our Parliament; and one would suppose that every politician who has the power, and who really desires to promote the welfare of the country, would gladly devote his best energies to their completion. But what has been their fate? We now do not speak of the Land Act, as that has, fortunately, become law; but the Public Health and Local Government Bills to say nothing of a good many others, have been summarily kicked out of Parliament by the dismissal of the Dibbs Administration.

The wanton destruction of so much valuable work ought to have some better justification than any that has yet been offered. If it were to be replaced by equally good work from a new Administration, the public might be content to look on with indifference while one set of men are knocking to pieces what another set of men have just set up; but there is no guarantee that the public will get any compensation or equivalent whatever. It is not considered political etiquette for an Opposition, when in power, to take up the bills prepared by their predecessors, because those bills may have represented a policy which the Opposition, when out of office, were energetic in denouncing. The result is that the new Ministry either shelve the old bills altogether or undertake the labour of preparing fresh measures on different lines, the probability being that, unless they are forced by public opinion to adopt the latter course, they will consult their dignity, as well as their ease, by adopting the former. In either case there is a dead loss of time and labour—a senseless waste of energy without any sort of equivalent. The evil is aggravated when we reflect that all this unsatisfactory experience will probably have to be repeated again and again, until the country is blessed with a return to some sort of capable and enduring Government.

Looking over the record of our past Administrations, it might be supposed that the colony is destined, as if by a law of Nature, to undergo a species of political flux and reflux. A long succession of short-lived and spasmodic Administrations is succeeded by two or three of longer duration—just as if the country, exhausted by the struggles involved in so many kaleidoscopic changes, sought for rest and repose in the arms of stronger rulers. The Stuart Government, which expired the other day, after three years' lease of office, was preceded by the Parkes-Robertson coalition which had lasted for four years, and that again was preceded by a series of short-lived Administrations. Now, it would seem that the revolution of political seasons has brought us back to an era of incapable Ministries. How many more of them we are to see before the country settles down again under some permanent form of government, is of course, a matter for speculation among the political weather-prophets. It will depend largely on the action that may be taken by those members of the House to whom good government is of more consequence than a change of Ministry. Among the new men especially, there may be some of that description; and to them the country will now look for some evidence of their capacity in discriminating between the public interests on the one hand, and the interest of public men on the other. It is in their power to put an end to the unsafe, unsettled, and unsatisfactory state of affairs with which we are now confronted. They are not mere pawns on a chess-board, to be moved about at the will of one or two players; they are, in every sense, independent representatives of the people, and their first duty is to provide for the proper conduct of public affairs. They can do that by securing a working majority for any Ministry which can establish a good claim to their confidence, and they can adopt a course of action calculated, sooner or later, to create the sort of Ministry which would command it. But, until such a Ministry appears, the process of change must almost necessarily continue.

We congratulate the Warden and Fellows of St. Paul's College upon the brightness of the prospect that is opening out before them. They have passed through times of depression and circumstances of discouragement, but there is reason to hope that days of prosperity and progress have begun. In a letter which appeared in yesterday's *Herald*, the Rev. G. King recorded his reminiscences of the foundation of the college thirty years ago, and testified to the zeal and energy of those who took part in the work. It is hardly to the credit of a religious body so wealthy as the Church of England that, after the lapse of thirty years, that work should still be incomplete. But, instead of indulging in expressions of regret, or seeking for explanations which might, perhaps, without much difficulty, be found, we prefer to welcome the indications of a revival of zeal and energy. The impulse was given by the Bishop of Sydney some fifteen months ago, and some of the results were exhibited yesterday before the large and representative gathering of people who witnessed the laying of the corner-stone of the new building by his Excellency the Governor. Many present were doubtless surprised to see that so considerable an advance had already been made. The list of subscriptions which was handed round showed, however, that the burden of the work had been borne so far by comparatively few; but it may be expected that the proceedings yesterday, by bringing the matter into greater prominence, and by diffusing clearer ideas of the purposes which the college is intended and adapted to serve, will create a wider interest and procure more general help.

It was rightly remarked yesterday that the wave of progress which has been felt by so many interests in the colony has reached the University. There is no need to enter into details of proof; it is sufficient for the present purpose to remark that, so far as the affiliated colleges are vital parts of the University, it is but natural that they should share in the healthy development of the system as a whole. There will be no doubt as to their vitality if it be seen that there is a work for them to do, and that they are doing it well. There is reason to believe that by the public generally the nature of that work has been imperfectly understood, and as this may have been one cause of a deficiency of public interest in the past, a better understanding in the future may be accompanied by more of public sympathy and support. The University as a whole is gaining stronger hold upon the public mind, and it should follow, in the ordinary course of things, that, as the special advantages offered by collegiate life within the University are more clearly perceived, there will be a greater disposition to profit by them, and they will themselves become more fully developed.

It is well that it should be understood that the affiliated colleges were not founded and do not exist for a class. They are not mere theological seminaries for the clerical profession. They are for the benefit of men of all classes, whatever their intended professions or pursuits in life may be. They are agencies supplementary to the University itself, and intended to provide conditions under which a course of study within the University may be pursued with special benefit. Their object is to make the education of the student more complete than it can be under the influence of only private reading and lectures. The saying that the victories of England were won in the playfields of Eton has its bearing here. The character of many a man whom England has honoured, and who has done honour to his country, has been, in a large measure, built up and shaped by the influence and associations of college life.

Our affiliated colleges are denominational institutions existing within an undenominational university. As such they are a standing illustration of the possibility of separating secular teaching from religious teaching, and of carrying on both side by side by means of a judicious division of time and place. This possibility has been denied in theory, but in our University system it is put to practical proof day by day. And in this matter our University system and our primary school system accomplish similar purposes by different means. What the use of separate classrooms by special religious teachers during appointed hours provides in the one case, the assistance given by the State to the affiliated colleges provides in the other. The parallel is not exact in detail; but in principle the analogy is beyond valid dispute. With the affiliated colleges to point to, the term "Godless University" cannot be employed. Neither can the corresponding term be truthfully applied to the system of our Public schools. It is possible that some who listened yesterday to the Bishop of Sydney's thoughtful and appropriate address were surprised by his quotation from the preamble of our University statute. Our University is built upon secular lines; but "the advancement of religion and morality," as well as the promotion of useful knowledge, is set forth as one of its purposes by the law upon which it is based. The same words are to be found in the charter of the London University. But whilst there is nothing in connection with the latter institution in precise accordance with the State-aided denominational affiliated colleges within our own University, the London system comprehends (or did comprehend a few years ago) a remarkable recognition of religion that is absent here. It may not be generally known that provision is made for voluntary examinations in the Hebrew text of the Old Testament, in the Greek text of the New Testament, in the evidences of the Christian religion, and in Scripture history. These comparisons and contrasts are of interest, as showing how different men may seek to solve the same problem in different ways. It is well that the solution adopted here should be rightly understood and appreciated by the public in whose interest it was adopted.

The cricketing contest which was decided in Melbourne yesterday was one of the least interesting of the numerous matches that have taken place between the two colonies. When it was known that M'Donnell would play for New South Wales and Spofforth for Victoria, the public recognised that the contest could not be in the true sense an intercolonial one, and therefore thousands of them withheld their patronage, and were indifferent concerning the result. The practice in England is that, wherever a cricketer may reside, he never plays against his own county. Were the case otherwise, county cricket would soon lose its attractions. And a similar rule ought to be in operation in Australia. If Gloucestershire were to secure the services of Peate for next season, and through his instrumentality defeat Yorkshire, the general opinion in cricketing circles would be that the former county had gained nothing by the victory. And this is the feeling in respect of the success just gained by Victoria. Whether our team would have won if Spofforth had been a member of it is doubtful; but no one will dispute that in that case they might have pressed their opponents closely. The country districts were represented in the eleven by Mather and M'Glinchy. The former

was successful, but the latter did not fulfil expectations. As he is still a lad, his failure may have been owing to nervousness. If we would hold our own with Victoria in the cricket field, it is evident that we shall have to increase the number of our cricket grounds, and spare no pains to discover and encourage lads who possess the faculty for bowling. In Melbourne there is a well-made cricket ground in almost every suburb, and the consequence is that players are numerous, and whatever batting or bowling talent there is in the community is speedily discovered. With the exception of Ashfield, there is not a suburb of Sydney that possesses a cricket ground worthy of the name. There are several suburban clubs, but the majority of them have their practice wickets on the Association Ground. As that locality is situated a considerable distance from the homes of most of the members of the clubs, the practices are of a desultory character, and accomplish very little in producing or developing fresh talent. What is needed therefore to bring the colony to a level with Victoria in respect of the national game, is for the several suburban clubs to procure grounds of their own in places easy of access to the members, and to organise inter-suburban contests similar to those which take place in Melbourne. If this be not done, it can hardly be expected that we shall ever take the palm of superiority for cricket from Victoria.

In Tuesday's *Herald* we reprinted from the *Pall Mall Gazette* a description of the new Working Lads' Institute at Whitechapel, recently opened by the PRINCE and PRINCESS of WALES. There is no groove in which philanthropy runs that will probably lead to more important results than the founding of institutions for the youthful toilers of a great city by which they may in their hours of leisure be drawn away from the vicious elements which meet them on every side. The object of such institutions as working lads' clubs is to effect by persuasion what seems next to impossible by coercion; to gradually wean them, not only from evil associations, but from the perusal, if they can read, of a literature that contaminates and destroys whatever of moral sensibilities may exist in the lads who principally find employment in our workshops and streets. "A single walk," says Mr. HILL, the promoter of the London institution, "down the main thoroughfares of the East End of London was sufficient to convince me of the pressing necessity for action in the direction of the provision of facilities for the greater enjoyment and more profitable employment of the leisure hours of our boys." This remark will apply with equal force to Sydney, and indeed all large cities or towns in Australia. Our main thoroughfares in the evening are full of boys who are under no kind of control, and who look forward to the streets as their place of recreation and amusement. We do not refer to the "arab," but to lads who have occupation of some kind during the day, with no other place of resort in the evening or holiday time where amusement may be had—and lads will make amusement for themselves, and under such circumstances it is generally of a mischievous character. Any movement to provide places for rational pleasure and indirect instruction for this class of our community ought to receive public support. It must be borne in mind that beginnings can be made in a very humble way. A room and ante room, sufficient to accommodate a score of lads, and the necessary furniture and means of amusement, are quite enough for a start. With proper management and a little enthusiasm the thing would rapidly grow. In Sydney something has been done in the way of establishing such clubs, and we believe they have been fairly successful. There is one now in existence which seems to us to form a good model. It is called the "Young Workman's Club," and is intended to provide suitable premises where youths engaged in warehouses, or otherwise employed, may find means of quiet recreation and study during leisure hours in the week days, and reading and instruction of a religious character on Sundays. One principle contained in the rules is to place the general concerns of the club in the hands of its members, subject of course to the approval of the trustees. The committee are chosen by election, and thus a sense of responsibility is infused into the management of the club which acts directly on all the members, as all have an interest not only in the office-bearers, but also in the prosperity of the institution. The trustees appoint only the paid secretary. The application of this plan of club proprietorship to the clubs for working lads is novel, but we believe the experiment will prove a success.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

MINISTERS met in Cabinet again yesterday morning, and, in addition to transacting a large amount of departmental business, further considered matters relative to the Government policy and to the approaching elections.

SINCE the meeting of the Opposition last week there has been no concerted action on the part of that section of the Assembly with regard to the political situation, and it will probably be some days before another Opposition meeting is held. But, though no formal meeting has taken place since last Thursday, Opposition members have not been altogether idle, and, while the addresses that have been issued by Ministers have received some attention, it is said that some steps have been taken towards ascertaining the chances that exist, or that may be brought about, for the formation of a strong Government in the event of the present Ministry being defeated when the House meets. The idea which appears to have got abroad, that if the present Government should be compelled to retire from office there will be a dissolution, is ridiculed by leading members of the Opposition, and also by some who are not connected with the Opposition. It is too early yet to say what will actually take place when the House meets on the 27th January. It has been decided that a want of confidence motion shall be moved, but no choice has yet been made of a member to move it. The Opposition appear to be confident that such a motion will be carried by a large majority, but the Government party seem to be equally confident that it will not. So far as is known at present, the only Minister who will meet with opposition at the approaching elections is Mr. O'Connor, and he will have to contest the seat for West Sydney against Mr. George Merriman, who was one of the members for West Sydney in the last Parliament.

WITH the view of having the accounts of the various departments of the public service up to the last day of the year completed as early as possible, the Hon. J. F. Burns, Colonial Treasurer, has caused a circular to be sent to each department requesting that the Supplementary Estimates for 1885 and previous years be revised, and any alterations necessary in the Estimates-in-chief for 1886 noted, and forwarded to the Treasury not later than the 10th January. By this means the Government will have before them on that date the whole of the proposed charges on the revenue. The Supplementary Estimates on many previous occasions have been very heavy, and it has been found that they have had to meet charges which properly ought to have been included in the Estimates-in-chief. By the course now being taken the Government will be informed of the full extent of the liabilities for 1886, and the Estimates for that year will be thoroughly revised before they are adopted by the Cabinet. The Estimates of Ways and Means for 1886 will also be subjected to revision, so that the true state of the public finances may be correctly ascertained.

WITH reference to the cable message published yesterday to the effect that it was feared in London that the negotiations between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Agents-General respecting New Guinea affairs would end in a fiasco, we understand that the Government have received no information on the subject. Yesterday afternoon, however, Sir John Robertson caused a telegram to be despatched to Sir Saul Samuel to ascertain from him the true position of the matter.

TO-DAY the Hon. J. Garrard, Minister for Works, intends to visit the Nepean water works at Prospect, and to ride along the route of the temporary works carried out by Hudson Brothers, so that he may make himself personally acquainted with what has been done. According to telegram received by the Engineer-in-chief for Harbours and Rivers, yesterday afternoon, the water coming along the flume on Tuesday amounted to 3,176,000 gallons, and yesterday it was 3,075,000 gallons. There were 12½ inches of water yesterday in the pipe at the beginning of the Marrickville-road.

FOLLOWING upon what we have already published of the Water Conservation Commission's Report are the statements which the Commission make on the subject of the navigation of the rivers and other waterways of the colony, and this portion of the report will be found in another column.

YESTERDAY morning a deputation, consisting of the Hon. G. A. Lloyd, M.L.A., Mr. Cranna, Mr. G. Lewis, and other gentlemen, waited upon the Colonial Secretary to protest against the issue of a license to the new Bijou Theatre, which is being erected at the corner of Park and Pitt streets, on the ground that the theatre would seriously interfere with the comfort of the people who attend the Pitt-street Congregational Church. Sir John Robertson, in reply to the deputation, explained that as a promise had been made by the late Government to give the proprietor of the theatre a license if the usual regulations were complied with, he could not see his way to prevent the license from being issued.

THE intercolonial cricket match between Victoria and New South Wales was concluded on the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday, and resulted in a decisive victory for the Victorians, by one innings and 68 runs.

THE corner-stone of a new lodge which is to be occupied by the Warden of St. Paul's College, was laid by his Excellency the Governor yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a large and distinguished assemblage. The lodge is to cost about £4000, and the completion of it will enable a building at present occupied as a residence to be set apart for the accommodation of students. The erection of the new building will result in the accommodation for students being enlarged in such a way that the dormitories will be increased from 21 to 36. At the ceremony yesterday addresses were delivered by his Excellency the Governor, and the Primate, and by the Warden (the Rev. Canon Hey Sharp).

HIS Excellency the Governor and Lady Carrington have promised to visit the collection of New Guinea curios, &c., in the old Art Gallery, at 4 p.m. on Monday next. A meeting of the Administrative Council of the Geographical Society will be held this afternoon in order to make arrangements for the suitable reception of his Excellency. According to the present arrangements, the collections will remain on view in the old Art Gallery, the public having the same right of free entry as before. At the end of the month the collections will probably be distributed to the various branches of the society in Melbourne, Brisbane, and Adelaide, in proportion to the contributions made by the various Governments towards the expenses of the New Guinea Expedition. The Sydney branch will be entitled to retain a double portion, as the contribution made by the New South Wales Government towards the fitting out of the expedition was twice that of any other colony.

IT has been notified for public information by the Public Works Department that after the 31st instant tolls will not be levied or collected at the Botany toll bar, Meadow Bank-road.

THE Spalding-Airey court of inquiry has been ordered to reassemble on Monday morning next at 10 o'clock at Dawes' Battery.

AFTER an absence of about 12 months in Europe, Mr. Marsh, S.M., resumed duty at the Water Police Court yesterday morning. Mr. Fawl, as the senior solicitor present, took the occasion, on behalf of an unusually large number of members of the profession who were in court, to congratulate his Worship on his return, and on the fact of his being in thoroughly recruited health. Messrs. Lowe, Hill, Coonan, and Richards also spoke, and Mr. Marsh cordially acknowledged the expressions of esteem which had been made use of.

THE Telegraph Department have received advices from Madras to the effect that the Turkish cable is interrupted between Bushire and Fao.

ON Tuesday evening Mr. James Garland, founder, and up to a recent date leader, of the Cumberland Band, was presented with a handsome keyless gold watch and chain at Tattersall's Hotel, Parramatta. The presentation was made by Mr. Hugh Taylor, M.L.A., on behalf of the subscribers, in a few appropriate remarks, and the recipient replied in suitable terms, after which his health was drunk. The watch bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. James Garland by a few of his friends as a token of respect and esteem. Parramatta, Christmas, 1885." On retiring from the leadership of the band a few weeks ago Mr. Garland was tendered a complimentary ball by the members of the band.

THE post of Lecturer and Demonstrator on Histology and Comparative Anatomy at University College, London, has been offered to Dr. Von Lendenfeld, of this city. He intends to accept the offer, and to sail for Europe in February.

OUR St. Petersburg correspondent (whose letter appears in another column) states that Prince Alexander gained the sympathy of his people for the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia by declaring that it was undertaken with the full cognisance and approval of Russia—a statement which our correspondent declares roused the indignation of the Emperor of Russia, and was probably the cause of the Prince's removal from the Russian army, and the recall of all Russian soldiers in the Bulgarian service; and, moreover, it is the belief in St. Petersburg that Prince Alexander would not have risked incurring the displeasure of Russia if not assured of the support of England. Our correspondent's fears of an armed struggle for supremacy on the Balkan Peninsula are scarcely supported by recent telegrams from Europe. The further conclusions on this question by our correspondent are of interest.

"IT is a curious thing," writes our St. Petersburg correspondent, "to observe how of late years the taste of the Russian public in general, and of the St. Petersburg public in particular, for everything elevated and æsthetic is falling, and what preference is given to the most trivial and coarse amusements over those more noble pursuits which made the delight of the last generation. The drama, which had attained such an altitude in Russia 30 or 40 years ago, decays visibly. But few classical pieces are given; or if they are, the actors perform before an empty house. The great Russian actors and actresses of the reigns of Nicholas and Alexander II. have no successors to carry forward the tradition; the very theatres have ceased to be frequented by sincere lovers of art, and there is nothing but banal mediocrity on the stage and off it. The Italian Opera, that last refuge of famished mélomans, has been closed, and the Masinea, Cotognis, Sembricks, and Pattis dismissed. Though the Petersburgians themselves find this no loss, it is nevertheless a fact that with the Italians every chance of hearing good vocal music and distinguished artists has disappeared, the Russian Opera being but a sorry substitute. That quintessence of rubbish, the Russian Operette—*i. e.*, the French Operette in the Russian language—which has now invaded like some pernicious disease all the small theatres, clubs, &c., and which reigns supreme in provincial towns, to the exclusion of the drama and even the comedy, is something so pitiful that it is not even worth mentioning. It is only fit to pervert the morality of the youthful public, as well as the taste for good music."

THE tweed factory which was started at Camden a short time ago by Messrs. Burne, Mackenzie, and Burne, is now in thorough working order, and turning out tweed in a satisfactory manner. Some 16 months ago the promoters visited England and Scotland for the purpose of inspecting a number of factories and selecting suitable machinery. They succeeded in obtaining machinery combining all the latest improvements. Some considerable time was occupied in erecting the machinery after its arrival in the colony, and in getting it into working order. There are eight looms capable of turning out some 1600 yards of tweed a week. The machinery comprises a washing machine, for cleaning the wool; a willow machine, for opening out the wool; a burring machine, for extracting the burrs and seeds from the wool; a carding machine, and a mule or self-acting spinner. There are also twisting machines and a warping mill. The factory is four stories high, and is fitted throughout with all the necessary appliances for washing, drying, dyeing, oiling, measuring, and rolling the material. The factory affords employment to a large number of persons, and is considered a great boon to the district.

AMONGST the exhibits intended for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition is a collection prepared by members of the Amateur Photographic Society of New South Wales, and consisting of 81 photographs. In the majority of cases they are of the size known as whole-plate (8½ inches by 6½ inches), and considering that the society has not been in existence more than about 16 months, the display is a creditable one. The views embrace several of the Fish River caves, some of the Nepean River, others of the Hawkesbury River, and a few of the National Park. There are also three enlargements of photographs of scenery of the Botanic Gardens. The originals of these were of the size known as half-plate, and the enlargements measure 12 inches by 10 inches. One of these is noteworthy for a peculiar softness of tone, which renders it not unlike a steel engraving. The collection is now on view at the rooms of Messrs. Bray and Lichtner, No. 24, O'Connell-street.

THE Rev. Joseph Campbell, M.A., who has been recently engaged in delivering, for the Board of Technical Education, several courses of lectures on "Tests for Minerals," has just published a small work upon the same subject. The book is entitled "Simple Tests for Minerals, or Every Man his Own Analyst." It is published for the use of those persons who have not had the advantage of systematic instruction in mineralogy. Technical expressions have been avoided as far as possible. The publication should prove exceedingly useful to persons interested in the subject.

YESTERDAY afternoon the central committee of the Local Option League met at the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Mr. William Henson, M.L.A., in the chair. The business was opened with prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of, a number of letters being tabled, amongst them being one from Nymagee asking for the establishment of a branch there. The hon. secretary was instructed to forward the necessary documents. Funds were paid in, and the treasurer presented accounts, which were passed for payment. Mention was made of the licensed victuallers' recent official statement of the names of members of Parliament who are favourable or unfavourable to local option. It was received with considerable amusement by the committee. Several members stated that on an early date the question would be tested in Parliament, when those who were not afraid to trust the people would, by their votes, show their belief in the principle. Sundry important matters were discussed. The annual meeting was fixed for Thursday, 28th January next, to be held in the Temperance Hall. It was decided that invitations for this meeting be sent to all city and suburban lodges of the various temperance organisations and kindred associations, asking them to pay an official visit on that evening. This finished the business.

THE annual dinner of the Commercial Travellers' Association took place last evening at Gunsler's Cafe. There were about 70 gentlemen present, including a number of members of leading firms. Mr. James Inglis, M.L.A., the new president of the association, occupied the chair, and various toasts were honoured, the principal being "The Commercial Interests of the Colony," and "The Commercial Travellers' Association of New South Wales and Kindred Associations."

AT the Parramatta Licensing Court, yesterday, before Messrs. H. Byrnes and N. Stewart, Js.P., Edwin Lord, charged with sly-grog selling at Smithfield, was fined £30, with £2 2s. professional costs, 7s. 4d. costs of court, and 7s. 6d. witnesses' expenses, in default three months' imprisonment.

THE picnic of the Pyrmont Presbyterian Sabbath School, Harris-street, took place on Monday last. The children, teachers, and visitors, numbering about 1300, were conveyed to Clontarf in the steamers Leveret and Waterview. The children's wants were carefully attended to by the teachers, and the whole party reached home early in the evening after having spent a most enjoyable day.

CIVIL Service departmental exactness is sometimes carried very far. The Municipal Council of Burwood made application for a certain official publication, and after a lapse of time received a somewhat lengthy written reply to the effect that the request could not be complied with until sixpence had been forwarded as payment for the same. Yet another branch of the service applied to the council for several copies of its bylaws and regulations, which, without any further ado, were sent gratis.

AT about 1 p.m. yesterday, Margaret Gellatly, aged 6 years, who resided with her parents at No. 62, Crown-road, Ultimo, expired after being unwell for a short time only. The father of the child, Daniel Gellatly, states that she was in very good health until 5 a.m. on the 29th instant, when she commenced to vomit and complained of a pain in her throat. She subsequently became delirious and remained in that condition up to the time of her death. The doctor saw the child before she expired. The matter has been reported to the Acting-Coroner and an inquiry will most probably be held to-day at the Butchers' Arms Hotel, corner of Harris-street and Pyrmont Bridge-road.

AN amusing incident, except to the persons chiefly concerned, came to light at the Ashfield Council meeting on Tuesday evening. A communication was received from a land company to the effect that a borough drain ran through their property, and they asked the council to divert it as it was in the way. The council declined to consent to this proposition on the ground that they had obtained permission from the original owners of the land to make the drain. But the singular part of the matter is this, that a portion of the drain had been sold by auction to an individual who bid for what he thought was good, solid, available land.

THE annual meeting of the Woollahra Volunteer Fire Brigade was held in their Head Station, Moncur-street Woollahra, on Wednesday evening last, the principal business being the election of officers for 1886. The following members were elected to fill the various positions as follows:—J. Brynall, captain (re-elected); M. E. Burns, 1st lieutenant; John Straignell, 2nd lieutenant; T. Phillips, engine keeper; Alex. Oliver, assistant engine keeper; Charles Halstenberg, treasurer; Messrs. J. C. Nield, C. Gray, and C. Andrews, trustees. The balance sheet will be produced at the next general meeting in January. The secretary, Ernest Green, was again re-elected.

THE annual picnic in connection with the Pyrmont and Ultimo Presbyterian Sabbath school was held at Pearl Bay on Monday last. The weather was all that could be desired for such an outing, and, consequently, the gathering was of a very pleasant character. The school children were accompanied by their teachers. An attractive programme of sports was provided for the occasion, and the opportunity for enjoyment was eagerly embraced. The proceedings were enlivened by the Pyrmont Band, which played selections of music at intervals throughout the day.

THE Melbourne *Telegraph*, of Tuesday, states that the horizon in connection with the dispute between the wharf labourers and shipowners seems very unsettled, and the outlook so far is not by any means reassuring. So far the respective parties have displayed no undue warmth of feeling, and there seems to be a desire to thresh the matter out fairly upon its merits, though, of course, where there are two parties with diverse interests, opinions differ somewhat as to what are exactly "the merits." It has been rumoured that a certain intercolonial steamship company of importance had resolved to resort to a method adopted by them some time ago, when a similar difficulty arose, viz., of carrying their own labourers with their vessels from port to port, and thus acting independently of union men. It is made to appear, however, that no such action is at present contemplated, it being held that, in the event of a strike, plenty of local non-union labour would be procurable, and this will be relied upon. Steamship owners, however, are determined to let the matter come to an issue if no compromise can be made, and they want definitely to know the position that the men will assume before the first of next month. The matter between the parties rests in a very uncertain position.

AMONGST the last acts of our Judges (says the Melbourne *Argus*) before "breaking-up," as the schoolboys say, for their holidays, have been two most polite attentions to New South Wales and Tasmania. These courtesies have been in relation to the admission to the Supreme Court of one colony of solicitors already admitted to the courts of the other. The courts both of New South Wales and Victoria have for some time past had rules making such a reciprocity possible. In each court the rule has been that solicitors already admitted in any other colony shall be admitted in that court on satisfying the judges on two points. These two requirements are, in effect, that the court where the applicant has been already admitted shall have a standard of qualification substantially as high as that of the court which is applied to; and secondly, that the court where the applicant comes from shall have shown its willingness to do as the applicant wishes to be done by. That is to say, a New South Wales solicitor, wishing to be admitted here, must satisfy our Judges that the standard of qualification for solicitors in New South Wales is as high as that in Victoria, and also that the New South Wales Court will treat a Victorian solicitor as the applicant wishes the Victorian Court to treat him. The case is converse, of course, where a Victorian solicitor applies for admission in New South Wales. Under such rules, all that was needed to bring about a perfect reciprocity was clearly a mutual declaration by each court that it considered the standard of the other as high as its own. That would decide the first requirement of equal standards, and of itself satisfy the second of reciprocity. And now the two august bodies which occupy the judicial Olympus in each colony have come together and made this declaration.

WRITING on the deterioration of seamen, the London *Shipping Gazette* of November 20 observes:—"Crews have been steadily deteriorating year by year, and much of the outcry against under-manning is due to the fact that it requires more hands now to perform a given amount of work than it did, say, ten years ago. It ought to have been quite the reverse, since steam has acquired a virtual monopoly of the carrying trade. Not only have the crews deteriorated woefully, but it is very much to be feared that the class of men who are working their way up as first and second mates is not so good as it once was. Take, for instance, a case reported, in the form of a judgment of a Court of Inquiry held at Dunedin last August, upon the circumstances connected with the stranding of a steamship called the Ino. The great majority of strandings and collisions are due to errors of judgment or mistakes in navigation which shipowners cannot possibly guard against, and which must seriously affect their pecuniary interest, even if they were insured to the full value of the ship. The examiners entrusted with the duty of testing the competency of candidates for masters' certificates are far too lax. There is not the smallest reason why they should be. The market is overstocked. There are scores upon scores of masters walking up and down the streets of Liverpool and of Tyneside towns with nothing whatever to do, and with no immediate or even remote prospect of getting anything to do."

REFERRING to Mr. Gladstone's declaration regarding Disestablishment, the *Scotsman* observes:—"Seldom has a single speech on a single question produced such a powerful effect on public opinion." Our contemporary then goes on to say:—"The vehemence and bitterness of some of those to whose hopes it is a crushing disappointment, and the despairing courage of others who would fain make believe that it does not affect their position, combine to demonstrate the completeness with which it has taken effect. No one—least of all Mr. Gladstone—can have expected that it would meet with universal approval. It has effectually taken the wheels from off the Tory chariots, and left the charioteers floundering in a sea of despondency. Their hopes rested on an agitation on the Church question. The defence of the Church was all they had to serve them for a programme. They had nothing to offer the country which the Liberals were not prepared to give in fuller measure. There was no indication that the sense of the country was with them in their attacks upon the late Administration. Nothing but a great strategic mistake on the part of the Liberal leaders could offer a prospect of gain to the Tories at the elections. They rather hastily concluded that such a mistake had been made. A section of the Liberal party did make the mistake of threatening an immediate attack on the Established Churches. Lord Salisbury saw in this movement his one hope of increasing the strength of his party. Accordingly, he at once disposed his forces with a view to meeting such an attack."

IT will interest many of our readers to peruse the following very complimentary reference to Lord Rosebery, in the *Scotsman* of November 14:—"Few public men have ever received such a proof of public confidence and esteem as that given to Lord Rosebery, in the banquet at which he was entertained last night. There are banquets and banquets. The banquet to Lord Rosebery was not one of a few friends seeking to show their satisfaction because of some special action. It was not one in which a political party, for party purposes, sought to make an occasion for a speech from a party leader. It was a great demonstration by Scottish Liberals of their sense of the services which Lord Rosebery has rendered to Scotland and to Liberalism. He had for his hosts representative men from all parts of the country. There were Peers and Commoners of all shades of Liberal opinion. There, as one of his hosts, was Mr. Gladstone—the great leader of the Liberal party—the statesman whose mark upon British history will be as broad, as deep, and as bright as that of any made by the illustrious men of whom the Empire has been able to boast. It might be truthfully said that among the hosts there was not one who was not the friend of Lord Rosebery—not in the sense of close personal relationship, but in the sense of admiration, esteem, and well-wishing. In these respects the demonstration stands almost, if not quite, alone in the annals of Scotland."

MINISTERIAL CRISIS IN FRANCE.

RESIGNATION OF THE MINISTRY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

PARIS, Dec. 29.

M. Brisson, the French Premier, insists upon resigning in consequence of the continued hostility shown towards his Government by members of the Chamber of Deputies. M. Jules Grévy refused to accept his resignation.

DEC. 30.

It is now announced that M. Grévy has accepted the resignation of M. Brisson, and has called on M. de Freycinet, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, to form a Cabinet. M. de Freycinet, however, hesitates to accept the task.

A NEW GUINEA EXPEDITION.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY.

The schooner Wild Duck arrived at Cooktown to-day from Thursday Island. The schooner Herald passed Cooktown to-day with Mr. Strachan's New Guinea Expedition on board. The vessel, which was boarded at Somerset by the officers of the Wild Duck, had seven cedar logs, which had been obtained on the West Macassa River. The party tried to buy a tract of land from the natives, but failed.

OVERLAND PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

ALBURY, WEDNESDAY.

The following passed through:—

For Sydney (by express, on Tuesday): Mrs. Lakeman, Mrs. Cahill, M. Cohen, Mirls, Herbert, Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs. Edgeth, Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ireland, Cyril Ireland, Dudley Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Reed, C. L. Montague, E. a'Beckett, H. W. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Noyes and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Clapin, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Miss Maude Day, J. V. Wheeler, J. F. Leslie, J. Mulligan, W. Cain, W. R. F. Moore, Edwin Jacobs, R. W. Shadforth, Evans, Master Evans, G. Wickham, R. Speight, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Flockhart, G. H. Holland, Styles, Neil, Shannon, J. J. Rochester, Miss Tillie Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gummow, Gerald Carr-Boyd, Clement, J. Bailhache, E. De Burgh Macartney, T. Hale.

For Melbourne (by express): Dunn, Forsyth, L. H. Kyngdon, J. B. Anderson, T. Harden, T. D. Merton, Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron and son, F. M'Quade, G. Massey, W. Coltman, W. H. Ward, Naughton, Miss Zeany, Campbell, Henderson, Armstrong, J. Williamson, Dudley, Robertson, Brown, Mrs. Boulter, Miss Palme, Mr. Boulter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny, Miss Goodson, Miss Fanny Wormald, C. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. D. Byrne, Mrs. Quick, Dr. Dickey, Hay, Bullock, F. Tutys, Wilder, Mrs. Beatty.

For Melbourne (by ordinary train): C. Christie Hooper, T. Richards, Cassell, W. Archibald, H. S. Brown, M'Pherson, W. Cross, Forrest, T. Broader, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Watson, W. Miston, Miss Mordaunt, Mrs. Norman and two children, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Wilson, Miss Griffin, John Bowman, Noal Brewer, George Mantel, J. Breen, John J. Brown, John Lucas, J. W. Ward, John Gow, Robert Gow, Casper, Mr. and Mrs. Rueff, Miss Doyle, Mrs. Doyle.

For Sydney (by ordinary train): P. Board, Mrs. Board, Miss Bowes Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, C. Weddy, W. Leland, Miss Manning, Dukes, James Bell, Middleton, Thomas Wearne, jun., D. Muirhead.

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, as a remedy for Consumption, Bronchitis, Scrofula, all wasting diseases, and General Debility, has no equal in the whole realm of medicine. It is more nutritious and strengthening than any other remedy. Any chemist can supply it.—[ADVT.]

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

ILLNESS OF MR. FORSTER.

LONDON, DEC. 29.

Mr. W. E. Forster, M.P., who has been suffering from ill-health for some time, is now lying in a critical condition.

THE S.S. AORANGI.

LONDON, DEC. 29.

The New Zealand Shipping Company's s.s. Aorangi, from Wellington November 19, with about 14,000 carcases of mutton, arrived at Plymouth yesterday afternoon. The meat is in good condition.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, DEC. 30.

The Messageries Maritimes' s.s. Salazie, from Marseilles December 16, left to-day outwards.

LONDON, DEC. 28.

The Orient Company's R.M.S. John Elder sailed from Plymouth on 25th instant for Australian ports.

SUEZ, DEC. 28.

R.M.S. Liguria arrived on 25th instant homewards.

R.M.S. Sorata left on 25th instant outwards.

CAPE TOWN, DEC. 29.

Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company's s.s. Doric, from Plymouth December 5, left on the evening of the 27th, outwards.

COLOMBO, DEC. 29.

The British-India Company's s.s. Quetta, from Brisbane December 1, left yesterday, homewards.

INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

A fatal accident happened early this morning to a fishing and shooting party on the River Goulburn, a few miles from Murchison. Three young men from Whroo, named Laurence Northausen, George Hodge, and John Shaw, were returning to their camp, having set some fishing lines, when the boat—a small flat-bottomed affair—struck a snag and capsized. Hodge, being unable to swim, stuck to the boat, and finally got on to a fallen tree. Northausen, who was supposed to be an expert swimmer, struck out with Shaw for the bank, but being weighted down with a heavy overcoat, he sank and was drowned. Shaw got safely to the bank.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Australian Widows' Fund Life Assurance Society was held to-day. Mr. Thompson Moore, M.L.A., presided. The report showed that during the year ended October 31, 6717 proposals were received, representing £1,535,808. Of these 4818 policies were issued, assuring £1,078,617. This is the second time that the business has exceeded a million. The liabilities are £235,099, and the accumulated funds £298,094, giving a surplus of £61,195. The report showed that the next quinquennial bonus would amount to £75,000, as against £13,000 distributed four years ago. The interest for the year was £17,279; accumulated funds were increased by £67,248, and now amount to nearly £300,000. On the whole, the results of the business in the other colonies has been successful. A meeting was held subsequently for the purpose of amending the articles of the association, so as to facilitate the operations of the society in the other colonies.

The members of the New South Wales and Victorian Workshops cricketing teams were taken down the bay to-day to Queenscliff, in the Government steamer Despatch.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY.

To-day's reports from the quarantine station state that the child reported yesterday as suffering from diarrhœa is now doing well, and that there is no further sickness. The officers and crew of the steamer Dorunda are all well. Subscriptions are being raised here for the bereaved families among the Dorunda's immigrants, and nearly £100 has been voluntarily subscribed already. A preliminary meeting will shortly be held of gentlemen willing to interest themselves in promoting the fund and arranging for its proper distribution. A general appeal will then probably be made to the public.

A sad case of suicide occurred here last evening. A young married woman named Annie Eliza Timms, who has been for some time past suffering from acute pain, caused by illness following her confinement, swallowed a quantity of muriatic acid, and then attempted to cut her throat with a carving knife, but the knife was taken from her before she had inflicted any serious injury. She was then removed to the hospital, where she died shortly afterwards from the effects of the poison. On being questioned, she said that she drank the acid in hope that she would die soon, as she was suffering such agony. The post-mortem to-day showed that the stomach was completely burned away.

Another suicide was reported to-day. The body of a man, name unknown, was found lying under a tree in the Botanic Gardens, with a bullet wound through his chest, and a revolver lying alongside of him.

The Daydawn P. Company, Charters Towers, have crushed for the past fortnight 660 tons of stone, yielding 982oz. of gold, and a dividend of 2s. has been declared.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY.

Mr. F. W. Pitts, a well-known sheep-breeder, died to-day. He arrived here in 1852, and was in the Government service for a while. He afterwards went to Melbourne, where for some years he acted as salesman for Messrs. Powers, Rutherford, and Co. He then managed a Queensland station for Mr. C. B. Fisher, with whom he remained till nine years ago. He successfully managed the Bundaleer and Hill River estates for Mr. Fisher, and his success as wool-grower and sheep-breeder was known all over Australia.

It is estimated that 59,000 Christmas cards were posted at Adelaide during the Christmas week.

The last meeting of the conference in connection with the bootmakers' strike was held on Tuesday evening. A copy of the statement of wages agreed to by the conference was gone through and approved of, the chairman being directed to sign it. The men will work under the new statement on and after Monday next.

The cereal market was dull to-day, no business of any importance having been transacted, nor is there any promise of an improvement until after the holidays. The values remain unchanged.

South Australian Share Report.—Sales: Dreams, £1 8s. 6d.; Mexicans, £1 7s.

THE MELBOURNE WHARF LABOURERS UNION.

A STRIKE DECIDED UPON.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

At a large meeting of the wharf labourers held this evening at the Trades Hall, it was unanimously resolved to go out on strike to-morrow night at 12 o'clock.

KNOWLEDGE OF LOCALITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Referring to your leader of the 29th instant on education there is one subject neglected, both in State and private schools, namely, the knowledge of locality.

Ask the average boy or girl, between 14 and 16 years of age, how the city of Sydney is laid out, ask them to indicate the points of the horizon by pointing to them. To give the position or bearing of the sun every day at noon, how he will rise and set at different periods of the year. The position of the Southern Cross, and how to travel in a certain direction at night by the bearing of the Cross.

Your subscribers who are parents can ask their children questions on the abovenamed, and then consider what chance the children would have of extricating themselves if lost in the bush.

It is impossible that all the children educated in Sydney can obtain employment here, and would it be wise to send them inland without preparation. I am, &c.,

Sydney, December 30. LOCALITY.

THE SEIZURE OF THE SCHOONER DOURO.

EUGENE GRAHAM MONTAGUE'S STATEMENT.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY.

The seizure of the schooner Douro, for alleged piracy, was made under instructions from Admiral Tryon, communicated through the Governors of Victoria and Queensland, and the matter will probably come before the Vice-Admiralty Court.

Eugene Graham Montague, a passenger by the schooner Douro, from Peone Island, Hermit Group, makes the following statement:—"I was trading for Messrs. Hernsheim and Co., of Matupi, New Britain. I left that place for the Hermit Group, in the early part of May last, in the schooner Hand, belonging to that firm. I reached Peone Island, and was left there alone with six months' provisions, and plenty of "trade" was also left. Messrs. Hernsheim promised that a vessel should visit the island every three months. I traded with the natives of the adjoining islands for copra, beche-de-mer, tortoiseshell, and pearlshell, but trade was very slack, and as I only received a certain stated price I could not make enough to pay. I remained at Peone Island until the 22nd of October, during which time no vessel of any kind visited me. Six weeks after my arrival I was attacked by fever, the island being a regular swamp, covered with cocoa palms. My body became covered with obstinate ulcers, which could not be cured, and which were caused by exposure. My clothes were all worn out, and I had nothing but a piece of calico wrapped round my loins. The only drinking water procurable was in a hole, and was only obtainable at high tide. On the 22nd of October I saw a schooner, which turned out to be the Douro. She anchored seven miles off, but luckily a canoe came to the station that day, and I got the natives to take me to the schooner. I was in a very weak state, and I thought myself dying of fever and sores. Having told Captain Sorensen that I was a trader, he did not like to interfere with me on that account; but upon my begging him to take me to some European port, and he seeing the condition I was in, at last agreed to receive me on board. I gave Captain Sorensen four tons of copra for my passage, keep, and treatment. We left Peone Island on the 27th October for Solomon Island and the Treasury Group, Captain Sorensen telling me that he was anxious to meet a war vessel, on account of the reports that had been published in the Australian papers in reference to the outrages committed by him, and the report of the deserters (Otto Ashe and others) from his vessel. He could not find one there, and he proceeded to Java Bay, Vila Lalla, to get some copra that he had left there on his last voyage. He proceeded thence to Sappo for trade, and thence Captain Sorensen made for Hookey Island, Treasury group. A man-of-war coaling steamer was reported to be at Maurian Sound, and also a coaling steamer, but no such vessel was seen. Thence the vessel proceeded to Hadda Bay, and thence she ran across to Cooktown. Whilst at Hadda Bay Captain Sorensen landed the remainder of the boys on board (nine). During the whole time I was on board the Douro Captain Sorensen treated me with the utmost kindness, nursing me and attending to my sores, which were all cured before reaching Cooktown. I also saw Captain Sorenson invariably kind and thoughtful all through for the welfare and comfort of his crew; and white and black were treated alike, all hands appearing happy and contented. I was present on the Douro when the native Mamua of Hadda Bay came on board, accompanied by M'Crossan and the king, who was educated at a New Zealand college by Bishop Patterson, and who understands and speaks English thoroughly. Mamua made a statement, which the king interpreted, and which was reduced to writing by M'Crossan and witnessed by myself and crew of the Douro. During my stay on the Douro I constantly heard the crew discussing the events of the voyage. I saw and read the statements which appeared in the press, but I never heard them allude to the slightest unpleasantness with the natives, and they characterise Ashe's statement as a fabrication of barefaced lies. (Signed) Eugene Graham Montagu; served 12 years in the first battalion of the Essex Regiment (formerly 14th)."

LARGE FIRE IN MELBOURNE.

40,000 CASES OF KEROSENE ABLAZE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

A very large fire broke out this evening in the stores rented by the firm known as the Melbourne Storage Company, and other firms, from Messrs. W. B. Jones and Co., on the Port Melbourne-road. The premises consist of several long brick structures, with galvanised iron roofs, containing altogether 40,000 cases kerosene, cornsacks, and castor and other oils. It is not known how the fire was caused, but it is rumoured that it originated amongst some under-proof kerosene which had been left outside one of the stores. Although the fire was practically under control by midnight, for several hours a solid body of sparks and flame, 70 feet long by 30 feet wide, projected 200 feet into the air. The fire was first observed in No. 13 Store, occupied by Messrs. Brooks, Robinson, and Company, oil and paint merchants, and their portion of the premises is practically destroyed. Stores 6 and 9 are enveloped in flames, and as the contents chiefly consist of kerosene and other inflammable materials, they are certain to share the same fate. The watchman was lying ill in a cottage between Nos. 6 and 2 stores, but he was promptly removed, and the cottage pulled down, by order of Superintendent Hoad. The new fire engine is now at work throwing three strong streams of water on to the burning pile, while nearly all the city and suburban brigades are employed. The heat is so fierce that the hosemen have to be protected with sheets of galvanised iron placed in front of them and kept cool with water.

LATER.

At a quarter-past 7 this evening some straw in a cask at Messrs. Brooks, Robinson, and Co.'s store, which the men had been using for packing during the day, was observed to be on fire. An attempt was made to extinguish it, but the flames got in amongst some resin and spread rapidly. After midnight the fire was confined to No. 6 kerosene bond, the walls of which have fallen in. In No. 2 store (a small wooden structure, within 40 yards of No. 6) were stored 300 or 400 cases, containing 140,000 gallons of gasoline. Fortunately, the wind swept the flames in the opposite direction, or the disastrous consequences would have been very much greater. These stores were the only kerosene bond in Melbourne, and this is the first fire that has ever occurred at it. No. 6 was totally destroyed and No. 13 considerably damaged. No. 9 was damaged chiefly by water. A two-storey wooden house was pulled down by direction of Superintendent Hoad. The amount of insurances is unknown, so far, but they are chiefly in the Norwich Union Company.

DESTRUCTIVE BUSH FIRES IN NEW ZEALAND.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

AUCKLAND, WEDNESDAY.

Several large bush fires have been raging in the Hawke's Bay district, and great damage has been done to the townships in the bush. The settlements have been surrounded by the fires, and many houses have been destroyed, the people being rendered homeless. The weather here is very dry.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

BYEROCK, WEDNESDAY.

The following are the local stock movements:—12,000 sheep, from Goorianawa to Yanda, Mr. C. Fetherstonhaugh, owner; 300 bullocks, from Thargomindah to Sydney.

REMARKABLE DISAPPEARANCE.—Very remarkable disappearance of all dirt from everything by using Hudson's Extract of Soap. Reward—Purity, health, perfect satisfaction, by its regular daily use. For clothes, linen, knives, forks, dishes, saucepans, and all domestic washing.—[ADVT.]

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COUNTRY NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

ALBURY, WEDNESDAY.

A fatal case of snake-bite is reported from Piney Range. A young girl named Annie Tynan, servant at Costello's Hotel, was bitten in the palm of the hand by a snake, and, notwithstanding that the usual remedies were applied under medical advice, she died within a few hours afterwards.

An affair of an extraordinary nature is reported from Mount Pleasant, a few miles from Albury, on the Sydney-road. As Mr. Rossborough was sitting late at night reading some one fired two shots at the house, but fortunately no one was injured. A reward has been offered for the conviction of the offender.

BOURKE, WEDNESDAY.

At Warmoll Green six inches of rain fell, and it is reported from Wanaaring that very heavy rain has fallen along the road. The weather here is fine, but hot. The river is low, but pasture is improving after the late rains.

Mr. Henry Green, who was shot by William Miles on the 18th instant, remains in the same condition.

TAMWORTH, WEDNESDAY.

The surplus funds in the hands of Mr. Burke's election committee were expended in a handsome silver watch, which, with an address, was presented to Mr. Burke last night by the Mayor on behalf of the subscribers. Mr. Burke replied, and stated that he voted for the late Government, and would probably vote for the present one also if their measures suited him. His present motto is "Measures, not men."

NEWCASTLE, WEDNESDAY.

This afternoon two miners, named respectively John Davis and David Evans, were working in the Glebe pit, when an immense fall of coal took place. Evans just escaped, but Davis was caught by the falling mass, and his right arm and right leg were smashed. The injured man is now in the hospital.

Sir John Robertson has telegraphed to Mr. Creer, M.L.A., informing him that Adamstown will be gazetted as a municipality as soon as the boundaries are defined in the Lands Department.

The directors of the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Light Company gave a banquet last night in the Wallsend School of Arts to inaugurate the successful termination of the Company's endeavours to supply gas to the district. Mr. J. Y. Neilson, J.P., was in the chair, amongst the guests being Mr. James Fletcher and Mr. J. D. Creer, M.L.A., Mr. Alex. Cameron, &c. The principal toasts were:—"The Queen," "Parliament," and "Success to the Gas Company." The toast of the memory of Dr. A. Nash, late chairman of the Company, was drunk in solemn silence. A grand ball in the large hall concluded the proceedings, which were highly satisfactory throughout.

The *Bathurst Times* states that the death of Dr. Cortis was even more sudden than was thought. He was not only present at the races on Saturday, but rode his own horse in one of the events and won it. In the evening he took some young people who were his guests to a circus, and while there complained of a pain in his side. He had sent a pony down to contest in a jumping competition, but, feeling unwell, he got on the animal and rode home. Arriving there he went to bed, and became worse on Sunday, and died on Monday morning.

The *Southern Argus* reports that at the Tuggranong races, near Queanbeyan, on Saturday last, a lad named Yates met with a distressing, if not fatal, accident. He was riding in a race, and the horse swerved and collided with a tree. The unfortunate boy was struck on the forehead and right leg, and was picked up insensible. The horse was so severely hurt by the collision that it had to be immediately destroyed. Yates was at once conveyed to the Queanbeyan hospital. His leg was found to be broken in several places, and it is feared that it will have to be amputated. The unfortunate lad lay for a considerable time unconscious.

During the Christmas holidays (says the local journal) the stores of Mr. J. C. Yeo, of Yass, were broken into, and a quantity of gold jewellery, watches, brooches, silks, and satins were stolen from the millinery department, and a coat and trousers from the tailors' room upstairs. The burglars attempted to force an entrance through the roof in front of the spirit stores, and that failing they made their way through the tailors' department at the back of the premises upstairs. A whole glasscase was cleared of its jewellery, but the burglars lost a prize in not taking a look at the costly jewellery that was in the window.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Prince of Wales and Old Poverty Company, Tarnagulla, December 26.—During the past week the western drive has been extended 8 feet; total from chamber 77 feet, with a good supply of water coming from the face. The eastern drive has been driven 5 feet; total distance 72 feet. Soft slate is now in the face, and from this formation a little water is coming.

Duke Company, Timor, December 28.—Main reef drive extended 36 feet for five days, in good country. Shall be far enough for another core early this week. Better ground has been opened up to the south-west. Yield for the week 102oz. 8dwt. No. 1 tribute, 19oz.; No. 2, 4oz. 3dwt. 12grs.

Victoria Silver-mining Company, Limited, December 29.—I have finished timbering and fixing windlass and stand on shaft. The shaft has been sunk a further distance of 3 feet, making a total depth of 9 feet. I intend to commence to-morrow to build blacksmith's forge and erect a shed over shaft. This will be completed about the beginning of the new year. We will then be ready to push on the work with day and night shifts.

The Giant's Den Tin-mining Company, Limited, December 23.—The first gang of Chinamen leave Tingha for the mine on the 26th instant, and the manager hopes to get them at work by the 1st instant. The manager reports there has been a grand rain, filling all the dams. He also reports having discovered some very rich tin at the back of the lode. It is a rock of tin ore, at least 18 inches by 2 feet square, thickly studded with tin.

Union Gold-Mining Company, Limited, Dalmorton, Grafton, December 20:—We have had splendid rain here, and the dam is full. There is very little change to report in the Sir Hercules shaft. The total depth of same is now 45 feet. I have laid the rails in the tunnel, but the wet weather prevented my completing the work to the tip head. If fine, I will finish on Tuesday or Wednesday. The engine is nearly finished, but I have yet to get the tables and battery in order before I begin crushing. As I stated in a former letter, most of the dead work will be finished this year, and, unless the directors advise to the contrary, the only unproductive work (of any extent) I shall carry on the early part of the year will be the sinking of the Hercules shaft. As implied in my last letter, I shall be prepared to crush about the middle of January; and, as I have water, I shall push the work on as vigorously as possible. I am now prepared to work the mine in the most economical manner as regards raising, carting, and crushing. I have strong hopes of being able to keep the battery going, and will try and run night and day if I can get a sufficient number of men to take out quartz.

Basaltic Gold-mining Company, Tumberumba.—For the week ending 19th instant, the tunnel at the 55-feet level has been driven a further distance of 8 feet, making a total distance of 143 feet, driven to date. Rock still continues hard and wet.

The Sunny Corner Silver-mining Company, Limited.—During the fortnight ended 26th instant, 922 tons of ore were furnaced. Total value of bullion returned, £3195, exclusive of flue-dust saved. The Pacific furnaces have been shut down during the Christmas holidays, and will not be re-started until shortly after the new year, leaving only the Probert now in blast, which is now smelting over 40 tons per day. Mr. Thomas Eyre (late of Sandhurst) has been appointed mining manager, and is now in charge at the mine.

Stilling Nickel, Chrome, Cobalt, and General Mining Company of New Caledonia, Limited, 24th December.—I have just returned from a visit of the Toumouron with Mr. Cantry, and I am very happy to be able to inform you that this mine is simply splendid. We have now four big veins of nickel open, which have been tested by cross-cuttings, and prove to be of great extent. Mr. Rowe has been able in opening these veins to extract in four weeks over 80 tons of ore of over 12 per cent. It is a pity that the road from the mine to the beach is not yet completed, otherwise I could forward you this ore within the next fortnight; but at any rate, if no hurricane or floods prevent me, I will be able to give you over 2 tons by the end of January, and regularly 100 to 150 tons per month. While at the Toumouron one of the engineers of the Nickel Company visited the mine, and he confessed that this mine was one of the best he had ever seen. Every day more ore comes in sight. I sincerely wish one of your directors would come and visit the mine; it proves one of the most valuable properties in New Caledonia. I guarantee that the cost of extraction from this mine for 10 to 12 per cent. ore will not exceed £5 to £8 per ton f.o.b. Noumea.

AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRES, &c.

The pantomimes all seem to be doing well, and last night "Cinderella" at the Theatre Royal, and "Black-Eyed Susan" at the Academy of Music were witnessed by very large audiences. The Opera House was not as well attended as might have been expected, seeing that the drama performed—"Baffled," by H. J. Byron—is a clever comedy and played well. The management have determined to take it off after New Year's night, and to produce "Across the Continent"—a most sensational drama—next Saturday evening. At the Olympic Theatre "Mother Goose" was well received, and at the Gaiety Theatre "The Cricket on the Hearth" was excellently [illegible]. The Alhambra was crowded, and the performance [illegible] very smoothly, Mr. Leopold Jordan's pantomime, [illegible]," being especially successful. The circus [illegible] was also largely patronised.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET MATCH.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

The above match was resumed to-day in the presence of a few spectators. The two University representatives, Jones and Garrett, whose excellent play and splendid defence on the previous evening had been the theme of universal admiration, resumed their places at the wickets. Both commenced excellently, and I never saw Jones run so well between the wickets. Their judgment, especially Garrett's, was excellent, and a number of short runs were cleverly stolen. One hundred runs had now been scored since the fall of the last wicket, when Garrett was bowled by Spofforth for 50. The captain's runs were obtained by excellent cricket, though not quite so freely as he generally plays. Garrett, just now, is in excellent batting form, and the M. C. C. have almost persuaded him to form one of their team for England. The other University representative, Jones, has, I believe, been invited, but has declined in consequence of business engagements. Marr joined Jones, who was playing grand cricket, but Marr, after making 5 runs, was well caught at the wickets by Blackham off Worrall; total, 200 runs. This was Blackham's first chance to distinguish himself, and he seems to be smarter than ever. Turner now became Jones's companion, and began playing in much better form than in his first innings; but after putting together 13 he made a bad hit off Worrall, and was caught by Spofforth, the total being eight wickets for 218 runs. Evans next went in. The wicket was now showing signs of wear, and Spofforth was cutting capers on it. Evans, after making 4, was very foolishly run out by the misjudgment of Jones. Nine wickets for 225 runs. Burton was the last man, and he was soon bowled by Worrall for 7 runs, Jones being not out 77; total, 235; Victoria thus winning by one innings and 68 runs. Jones played splendid cricket, and is entitled to great credit for his performance in such an uphill game. Worrall surprised everybody by his excellent bowling. M'Ilwraith obtained the trophy for batting, Worrall that for bowling. Jones's second innings was the best of the match.

The following are the scores:—

VICTORIA.

First Innings	471

NEW SOUTH WALES.

First Innings	168
Second Innings.	
M'Donnell, c Scott, b Spofforth	7
Bonnor, c Walters, b Spofforth	20
Jones, not out	77
Mather, b Spofforth	7
Ogilvie, c Scott, b Spofforth	19
M'Clinchey, b Bruce	0
Garrett, b Spofforth	50
Marr, c Blackham, b Worrall	5
Turner, c Spofforth, b Worrall	13
Evans, run out	4
Burton, b Worrall	7
Sundries	16
Total	235

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Bowler.	Balls.	Runs.	Maidens.	Wickets.
Bruce	76	46	5	1
Spofforth	204	95	16	5
Trumble	56	27	8	0
Palmer	40	21	2	0
Worrall	118	26	14	3
Scott	12	8	1	0

LIVERPOOL JOCKEY CLUB.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

President: Hon. John Lackey, M.L.C. Vice-President: Mr. A. H. M'Culloch, M.L.A. Committee: Hon. W. A. Long, M.L.C.; Mr. N. G. Bull, M.L.A.; Mr. W. Forrester, Mr. E. Anthony, Mr. J. Flood, Mr. A. J. Allum, Mr. A. F. Smart. Judge: Mr. N. G. Bull, M.L.A. Handicapper: Mr. J. A. Scarr. Starter: Mr. William Forrester. Clerk of the Course: Mr. J. Ashworth. Secretary: Mr. A. Paine.

Notwithstanding that the day was unusually warm, the attendance at Liverpool on Wednesday was such as to gladden the hearts of the committee and the hardworking secretary. The special train was crowded, and in consequence of the improvements which the road had undergone the dust fiend was kept in comparative subjection. The recent rains rendered the course in capital going, and several of the races were well contested. Those in power left nothing undone to secure success; and the Liverpool Meeting has now settled down as a most popular institution. Betting opened on the Hurdle Race at 2 to 1, then lengthened a point, and finally settled down at 6 to 4 against Belle Brandon; but she appeared to hurt herself at the first fence, and was never in it afterwards, and Scobeloff, well ridden by George Slander, won cleverly from Cymbal. Tom M'Cracken refused to jump, and Javelin fell early in the race, giving W. Chifney an ugly fall. The winner had a narrow escape of being short of weight, and even with the bridle only just turned the scale, which was presided over by Mr. W. Whitfield. At first Emeline was made first favourite for the Pace Handicap, but he never looked dangerous; and Zareba, who went out at 10 to 1, won easily. Presentation won the Auction Stakes very comfortably, and was bought in by his owner. Half a score went to the post for Our Member's Cup, presented by Mr. N. Bull, and Rebus was most in demand, while Rosebud and Comus had many friends; but the moment the flag fell Cestus ran to the front, and, holding his own all the way, just got home by a short half length. Casket fell at the back of the course. For the last event on the card, the Selling Race, Emilius was booked a real good thing, and such proved the case, as he won with no end of ease at the finish. In this event Dame Eleanor was again started; but though she had everything in her favour, she was beaten at the end of five furlongs, and bolted at the home turn, throwing her rider against the fence. A very satisfactory luncheon was provided, and the following is an account of each race:—

THE HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs.; distance, about 2 miles.

Mr. T. Shore ns ch g Scobeloff, aged, 11st. 2lb. (G. Slander)	1
Mr. E. Terry's b g Cymbal, aged, 9st. 10lb.	2
Mr. T. Luckey's ch g The Hatter, aged, 9st. 5lb.	3
Mr. W. J. Forrester's b m Belle Brandon, aged, 11st. 12lb.	0
Mr. A. James ns b g Verdi, aged, 9st. 7lb.	0
Mr. C. G. Edmondson's bl g Javelin, 6 years, 9st. 5lb.	0
Mr. J. J. Clynch's ch g Moonlight, aged, 9st.	0
Mr. T. W. Taylor's b h Tom M'Cracken, aged, 9st.	0

Betting: 6 to 4 v. Belle Brandon, 3 to 1 v. Cymbal, 4 to 1 v. Scobeloff, 6 to 10 to 1 v. any other.

A good start sent them away in a cluster, and after they had cantered for a furlong Moonlight took up the running and led over the first fence, attended by Cymbal, Belle Brandon, and Scobeloff, but Belle Brandon hit very hard, and then began to tail off. Moonlight led past the stand by two lengths, followed by Cymbal and Scobeloff, while the others were already a long way out of it. Moonlight ran round the fence at the back of the course, and Scobeloff led Cymbal half a length to the home turn, when he left him and won cleverly by a couple of lengths. The Hatter was a very bad third, and Belle Brandon, Verdi, and Moonlight straggled in at all sorts of long intervals. Time, 4 minutes 8½ seconds.

THE PACE HANDICAP of 70 sovs.; for two years old and upwards; distance, ¾-mile.

Mr. G. Fagen's b m Zareba, 3 years, 6st. 5lb.	1
M. W. Forrester's b c General Gordon, 2 years, 7st.	2
Mr. J. Dykes's ch h Goldfinder, 4 years, 7st. 4lb.	3
Mr. J. Monoyhan ns g g College Boy, 5 years, 7st. 6lb.	0
Mr. C. T. Roberts's b f Mia Mia, 2 years, 6st. 9lb.	0
Mr. Jas. M. Gill's b c The Bass, 3 years, 6st. 11lb.	0
Mr. H. Kinchela's b f Emeline, 2 years, 6st. 1lb.	0
Mr. W. A. Long's ch g Little Charlie, 3 years, 6st. 5lb.	0
Mr. W. Gosper's b f Alma, 2 years, 6st. 5lb.	0
Mr. E. Hughes's b g Defendant, aged,	0

Betting: 3 to 1 v. College Boy, 4 to 1 v. Emeline and Alma, 6 to 10 to 1 v. any other.

Mr. Forrester again lowered his flag to a splendid start, Goldfinder and Alma getting off in front, and Goldfinder led to the bend, when Alma retired, and Zareba ran up to Goldfinder, and cutting him down led at the distance, where General Gordon put in a powerful claim, but the outsider was not to be caught, and won easily by three lengths from General Gordon, who beat Goldfinder by half a length, and then came College Bay and Defendant. Time, 1 minute 18¾ seconds.

THE AUCTION STAKES of 50 sovs.; 1 mile.

Mr. C. T. Roberts's b g Presentation, 3 years, 4st. 13lb.	1
Mr. J. Gordon's ch g Solicitor, 5 years, 8st. 6lb.	2
Mr. W. J. Forrester's b c Upper Cut, 3 years, 7st. 2lb.	3
Mr. J. M. Gill's b g Tambour Major, aged, 6st. 13lb.	0
Mr. E. M'Carthy's ch g Kingston, aged, 6st. 13lb.	0
Mr. W. A. Long's b f Dame Eleanor, 2 years, 6st.	0
Mr. E. Conroy ns ch g Jackson, aged, 5st. 13lb.	0

Betting: Even v. Dame Eleanor, 6 to 4 v. Presentation, 4 to 1 bar two.

Solicitor and Upper Cut forced the pace to the home turn, when Presentation came through and won easily. Time, 1 minute 49 seconds.

OUR MEMBER'S CUP, a cup value 50 sovs. (presented by Mr. N. G. Bull, M.L.A.), and 70 sovs. added, with a sweep of 1 sov. each for starters; sweepstakes to go to the second horse; handicap. Distance, 1¼ mile.

Mr. J. Allsop's ch g Cestus, 6 years, 8st. 4lb.	1
Mr. E. Eagar' ns b g Rosebud, 3 years, 6st. 2lb.	+
Mr. J. Dykes's ch h Goldfinder, 4 years, 7st.	+
Mr. W. J. Forrester's br g Bonnie Bee, aged, 8st 9lb.	0
Mr. W. A. Long's b g Comet, aged, 8st. 7lb.	0
Mr. J. Kerr's b g Comus, aged, 8st. 4lb.	0
Mr. C. T. Roberts's b m Rebus, 4 years, 8st. 2lb.	0
Mr. J. Allsop ns b g Tramp, aged, 7st 4lb.	0
Mr. J. Steenson's b m Casket, 5 years, 6st.	0
Mr. R. Pearce's ch g Binalong, aged, 6st.	0

Betting: 2 to 1 v. Rebus, 3 to 1 v. Rosebud, 5 to 1 v. Comet, 8 to 1 v. Cestus, 10 to 1 v. any other.

Cestus was the first to clear from a pretty good start, and forcing the pace all the way just managed to stay it out and won all out by half a length from Rosebud and Goldfinder, who finished at a great pace, and made a dead heat of it for second place. Comus was a close fourth, and was followed by Bonnie Bee and Binalong, while Comet acted as whipper-in all the way. Time, 2 minutes 15 seconds.

THE SELLING RACE of 50 sovs.; 7 furlongs.

Mr. T. Sampson's g h Emilius (£75), 4 years, 7st. 9lb.	1
Mr. J. Hanker's ch m Fanny (£50), 4 years, 6st. 3lb.	2
Mr. E. Hughes's b g Defendant (£50), aged, 8st. 13lb.	3
Mr. W. A. Long's b f Dame Eleanor (£150), 2 years, 6st.	0
Mr. J. Gardiner's ch g Yclept (nil), 6 years, 5st. 13lb.	0
Mr. E. Conroy ns ch g Jackson (nil), aged, 5st. 13lb.	0

Betting: 2 to 1 on Emilius, 2 to 1 v. Dame Eleanor, 8 to 1 v. others.

When the word was given Dame Eleanor jumped away with the lead, followed by Jackson and the favourite. In this order they ran for about half a mile, when Emilius and Jackson closed on the leader, who retired beaten, and ran off the course. The two leaders entered the straight together, and when fairly between the rails Emilius came away, and won easily by a length from Percy, with Defendant, the same distance away, third, followed by Jackson. Time, 1 minute 36¾ seconds.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

BYEROCK JOCKEY CLUB.

BOURKE, WEDNESDAY.

The following are the results of the annual meeting of the Byerock Jockey Club held on Monday and Tuesday last:—

MAIDEN PLATE.

White's Bourke	1
Robertson's Culloden	2
General Chase	3

MULGA CREEK HANDICAP.

Mr. Donohoe's Budgeregah	1
Sir James	2
Billy	3

CARRIERS' RACE.

Lady Carrington	1
Stockings	2

HURDLE RACE.

Messmate	1

FLYING HANDICAP.

Messmate	1
Bourke	2
Culloden	3

BYEROCK JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP.

Sir James	1
Budgeregah	2
Billy	3

PRINCE OF WALES STAKES.

Wilga	1
Bandmaster	2

FORCED HANDICAP.

Budgeregah	1
Moses	2
Billy	3

BEGA JOCKEY CLUB.

BEGA, WEDNESDAY.

The acceptances have been received for the Bega Jockey Club races, which take place on January 13 and 14. There are seven acceptances for the Maiden Plate, nine for the Cup, five for the Bracelet, 12 for the Members' Handicap, 11 for the Town Plate, and four for the Auction Stakes. There are seven nominations for the Hurdle Race, for which the handicap is as follows:—

	st	lb		st	lb
Javelin	10	10	Pete	9	0
Labourer	10	7	Scamp	9	0
Glenduart	9	12	Agnes	9	0
Skylark	9	5			

TURF.

The market operations in connection with the forthcoming Tattersalls' Club annual race meeting are, to use the language of commerce, characterised by extreme dulness. Everyone is waiting to see what all the rest do, and it is this waiting which is so perplexing. Horse-owners and their cunning following are fighting the "books," but the metallicians having no public money to support their movements wisely hold off, for the "gentleman" horse-owner is a dangerous man to tackle. The few operations that were made show that Tempe is still the favoured medium of speculation, 7 to 4 being taken and wanted about her chance. 4 to 1 is off., and 8 to 1 taken about Off Colour. 10 to 1 is a wager that is offered about Off Colour. The only sensational scratching was that of Cerise and Blue, and it may be said there are many who do not feel well after that mare's demise for Tattersall's Cup.

One of the principal market operations of yesterday was the acceptance of £5000 to £500 about Trident for the next Melbourne Derby.

BANQUET TO THE VICTORIAN JUNIORS.

A banquet was held last night by the Junior Cricket Association in honour of the Victorian juniors, at Baumann's Café, when about 60 sat down to a very nice repast, served in Baumann's usual style. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Beveridge, who apologised for the absence of the Hon. E. Barton. After the usual loyal toasts were honoured, the vice-chairman proposed "The health of the visitors," to which Mr. Batchelder responded in suitable terms. The chairman then presented the trophies which were won in the late match as follows:—Mr. Cubitt's prize of £5 5s. for the highest single innings score, Mr. Ward; the association's trophy for best batting average in the match, Mr. Ward; Mr. Hawkins' trophy for highest aggregate score, Mr. Ward; the J. C. A. trophy for best bowling average in the match, Mr. Fraser; Mr. Clayton's trophy for the best bowling in the first innings, Mr. Drysdale; Mr. Cohen's trophy, for the best all-round play, Mr. Donnan; Messrs. Holdsworth's trophy, for the second best batting average in the match, Mr. Sparkes. A number of toasts apropos to the occasion were afterwards proposed and responded to, and the proceedings were further enlivened by the vocal efforts of the junior cricketers.

NATIONAL REGATTA.

A committee meeting in connection with the above was held last night at Aarons' Exchange Hotel. The attendance was moderate. Mr. W. J. Merriman was in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Letters from Mr. James R. Fairfax and Mr. C. J. Roberts were received, notifying those gentlemen's acceptance of the office of vice-presidents. A letter was also received from Mr. E. W. Wallington, Lord Carrington's private secretary, intimating that his Excellency had consented to become the patron of the National Regatta, and that his Excellency would, if possible, visit the flagship some time during the day. It was decided, and competitors will please note, that all entries finally close on Saturday, the 16th of January next. The times to be fixed for the various rowing races were also discussed at some length, but postponed until next meeting, when it is to be hoped a much larger number of committeemen will be present to finally decide the matter. There being no other business the meeting terminated.

NEW SOUTH WALES ROWING ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above association, when the committee's report will be read and all officers for the ensuing year elected, will take place at Aarons' Exchange Hotel on Tuesday next, January 5, at 8 p.m. A large attendance of members is particularly requested.

Our Port Macquarie correspondent telegraphs that the inter-district cricket match, Macleay v. Hastings, was concluded yesterday, after two days' play, and resulted in a win for the Hastings eleven by eight wickets. The match created considerable excitement, and was witnessed by many persons from the Manning and Macleay.

Our local correspondent telegraphs that the meeting of the Cobar Amateur Racing Club passed off successfully on Monday and Tuesday last. The attendance was moderate, and the weather hot.

The Manly Rowing Club intend to hold a regatta on New Year's Day, in which six events will be contested for.

A CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The idea of having a Conservatoire of Music, and a Concert Hall, for Sydney, is a good one; but a good idea deserves to be well carried out, and where a fundamental error exists this is rendered impossible.

To erect a building in a suitable locality, such as "An Enthusiast" speaks of in his letter in Monday's *Herald*, would be a substantial benefit to Sydney and to musical students throughout the colony; but the method suggested of paying off the expenses of building, by letting out music rooms to teachers, would be a grievous error. I speak from experience when I say that it would be the greatest mistake; and the devotees of art would see serious cause to regret it in an exceedingly short time; for self-interest being largely at work, and therefore promotion of art set aside, it would be found that the music-rooms were indiscriminately let out to teachers with or without pretensions; to a sound theoretical and practical knowledge of the art and whence then could come the general development of musical genius, which is at present undoubtedly latent in the Australian breast, and awaits only the proper method and careful cultivation that will increase, strengthen, and develop it? If the need for a proper Concert Hall and Training School for musical students is really felt, as it ought to be, then surely the idea of erecting a suitable building will be adopted. Let the German system be carried out of having two concert halls—a small one for the students' concerts, a large one for public concerts, recitals, oratorios, &c., and 10 or 12 good music class rooms; then let a regular staff of teachers, chosen for proficiency in the profession, and paid by the organising committee, attend the Conservatoire and give lessons and hold classes, adopting the continental method of arranging them, and I am sure that in the course of a few years the Conservatoire would be self-supporting; and those who at the first were perhaps a little out of pocket by the large investment, would have the satisfaction of feeling that they had not only conferred a lasting benefit on the Sydney musical world, but had also been the first permanent promoters of musical talent in the colony. Unless such public steps are taken, and cautiously taken in a young colony like Australia, how can the public mind enlarge, and how will progress be made? Everything at present gives way to business, and men's minds are carried away by the whirlpool of harassing affairs. Art is nowhere; at least she is present, but remains as a veiled statue, passed consciously and unconsciously by the crowd, and peeped at only by a few, who have not the opportunity of finding the knowledge they seek.

Why should not Sydney have its Royal Conservatoire of Music as well as other large and bountifully-blessed cities of the Continent? It is a public need, and, for the future renown and greatness of the colony, the need should be supplied. The situation recommended for the building by "An Enthusiast" is an excellent one, for music, that has such marvellous powers of soothing the most troubled breast, of elevating the darkened spirit, and of emulating the aspiring soul, should surely be heard "Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife." I am, &c.,

M. F. H.

Manly, December 28.

AMUSEMENTS for NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The amusements for New Year's Day, as may be seen by a reference to the advertising columns of the *Herald*, are numerous and attractive; and, should the weather prove suitable, no difficulty should be experienced in obtaining a day's healthful and harmless recreation.

The annual race meeting in connection with Tattersall's Club, is to be commenced at Randwick and will be continued on the following day. The meeting will be under the patronage of his Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Lady Carrington and suite. The programme of the first day's racing includes some six events. The first race is advertised to start at 1 o'clock. The band of the New South Wales Artillery has been engaged for the day, and will play selections of music upon the lawn. It is expected that the attendance will be very large. Special trams and 'busses will run to the grounds every few minutes.

The annual gathering of the Highland Society of New South Wales will take place on the ground of the New South Wales Cricketing Association, and will doubtless prove the chief attraction of the day. His Excellency the Governor has signified his intention to be present, and it is also expected that several members of the Ministry will be in attendance. The programme of sports is an exceedingly interesting one, and as the entries are numerous, some very good sport should be witnessed. The Balmain Coldstream Band will perform selections of music during the day. The gates will be opened at 9 o'clock and the sports will commence at a quarter to 11 o'clock. Special trams will run to the ground throughout the day.

A cricket match between 11 Victorian Junior players and 15 Metropolitan Juniors will be commenced on the Agricultural Society's ground. A band has been engaged for the day. The gates will be opened to the public at half-past 10 o'clock. Special trams will run to the ground.

There will be a large number of harbour excursions. Those persons who desire to go beyond the harbour will be able to do so, as one or two ocean excursions have been arranged for.

The s.s. Richmond will leave Russell's Wharf, foot of Margaret-street, for Newport and Broken Bay at 10 o'clock; and the s.s. Kembla will leave the Lime-street Wharf, foot of Erskine-street, for Flint and Steel Sound and Pittwater at 10 o'clock.

A temperance picnic will be held at The Avenue, Lane Cove River. The Pyrmont Band will be in attendance. Steamers will run every half-hour from the Lime-street Wharf, at the foot of Erskine-street.

A family picnic is to be held at Clontarf. A programme of amusements will be provided, and the proceedings will be enlivened by music, which will be supplied by the Imperial Band. The steamers Leveret, Commodore, and Irresistible will ply from No. 2 jetty at short intervals throughout the day.

There will also be an excursion to Tennyson. The Carrington Band has been engaged to play in the pavilion. A number of small steamers will ply every half-hour between Tennyson and Circular Quay.

There will be excursions to Fern Bay, Manly, Watson's Bay, Athol Gardens, Chowder Bay, Bondi, Pearl Bay, and Corries' Gardens, Cabarita Point, Parramatta River. The steamers Estrella and Neutral Bay will make trips around the harbour during the day.

A number of special attractions will be provided at the Sir Joseph Banks Pavilion and pleasure gardens, Botany. Two bands have been engaged, and there will be dancing in the pavilion and on the lawn throughout the day. A variety entertainment will take place in the afternoon.

Facilities will be afforded for spending the day pleasantly at Sandringham. Arrangements have been made for a number of coaches to meet the trains at Kogarah.

A temperance picnic will be held at Cremorne, to which resort a number of small steamers will run at intervals of 10 minutes throughout the day. A programme of sports has been arranged, and during the day a number of prizes will be distributed amongst the juveniles for foot races. The Young Australian Band has been engaged to contribute the music.

Special trains will run to Como and Sutherland, on the Illawarra line, and no doubt the popular resorts, such as Lady Robinson's Beach, or Cook Park, the Kogarah Heights, George's River, Como and Sutherland will be well patronised by the public.

Special attractions are advertised in connection with the Zoological Gardens and Moore Park. A band has been engaged to play upon the lawn.

A variety of attractions have been provided for the evening. In addition to the theatres, there will be the Scottish concert in connection with the Highland Gathering. This will be held at the Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street. The Cottier company will perform in the New Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street; and the Empson company will give an entertainment in the New Oddfellows' Hall, Elizabeth-street. An attractive performance is advertised in connection with the circus at Belmore Park, and there will also be performances at the Academy of Music and the Alhambra Music Hall.

Arrangements have been made with Messrs. Daly Brothers, contractors for the Town Hall clock, whereby chimes will be rung out on New Year's Eve, commencing at half-past 11 o'clock to-night and continuing till half-past 12 o'clock on New Year's morning.

A PECULIAR LUNACY CASE.

The Geelong correspondent of the *Argus* reports that on Wednesday, at the police court there, Mrs. Margaret Kelly was brought up charged with lunacy. The evidence showed that she was not insane, and disclosed a very revolting state of things. On the 16th instant information was given to the police by Mrs. Margaret Smith, of Charlton, that her mother, Mrs. Margaret Kelly, was confined as a lunatic and cruelly used by her son Thomas Minogue, farmer, Darriwell. Dr. Shaw, who had examined Mrs. Kelly frequently, said that he did not think she was insane; she frequently complained that her son had robbed her, and had possession of her property; she did not complain of personal ill-treatment, although she said she had been locked up in a cell and deprived of food. James Joseph Purcell, mounted constable, stated that on the 11th instant he proceeded, in company with Mrs. Smith, to the residence of Minogue; the room in which Mrs. Kelly was confined was 12ft. x 8ft., with a skillion roof, 10ft. high in the highest part; there was a barred opening in the wall, which was not protected with glass; a 6in. aperture had been cut into the door, which was secured by means of bolts, lock and staple, and padlock. The furniture consisted of a double bed, with two mattresses, a rough wooden table, but no chairs; Mrs. Kelly looked wretched and dirty, and the room was unfit for human habitation, owing to its filthy state and bad smell; Mrs. Smith spoke to Minogue about the state her mother was in, and witness had to interfere to prevent Minogue and his wife striking her; in answer to questions, Mrs. Kelly stated that she had not enough to eat, and was only allowed out of the room once in every four or five days for a short time. She also stated that Mrs. Minogue broke open her box, and abstracted a deposit receipt for £280; but Minogue denied this, and stated he had spent £200 in paying Mrs. Kelly's debts and expenses at Ararat. At witness's suggestion Minogue promised to bring Mrs. Kelly to Geelong on the following Monday, but he did not do so. He said he had built the house especially for her; that he had obtained a certificate from Dr Croker, and had taken her to a lawyer and got her to make a will in his favour. Dr. Maberly Smith stated that he had had long conversations with Mrs. Kelly, but could detect no traces of lunacy in her. He was quite clear that she was sane and fit to be at large. Mrs. Kelly was then discharged, and Thomas Minogue was bound over in his own recognisance of £100 to appear on the 5th January to answer a charge of aggravated assault. Mrs. Kelly was handed over to her sister, Mrs. Walker, residing at Haddon.

COMMERCIAL.

PRODUCE MARKET.—WEDNESDAY.

At Darling Harbour terminus this morning a fair supply of forage and a large quantity of wood were offered. The markets were well attended by the trade. Sales of forage were characterised by more activity than yesterday, chiefly owing to the quality offered, which was better than that for some time past, and buyers operated freely, especially for hay and straw. Chaff was rather dull. Straw was firmer, whilst hay and chaff were unaltered. There was a slightly improved demand for wood. On the wharfs there was a small supply forward from Northern and Southern rivers. Business was again quiet. Lucerne hay was lower, but prices of other lines were unchanged. The following prices were realised at Darling Harbour sales:—

Wood.—Large market. Little better demand than of late, at per ton:—Billet wood, 10s to 12s 6d; bundle, 11s to 14s; foot, 12s to 14s; bakers', 10s to 12s.

Straw.—Only two trucks of clean wheaten, in bundles, to hand this morning, which were fairly competed for at 3s 6d to 3s 7d per cwt.

On the wharfs the following are the wholesale quotations:—

Maize.—No fresh arrivals. Stocks are fair. Steady sales at 3s 10d per bushel. Business at auction by Messrs. Tate Brothers at 3s 11d.

Oats.—Market amply supplied and business continues quiet. Prime bright feed most inquired for to 2s 5d per bushel; medium and discoloured lots, from 2s 1d. Nothing doing in seed.

Barley.—No change to note under this head. Nominal value of Cape seed, to 3s 3d per bushel.

Bran.—Working off at 1s 3½d to 1s 4d per bushel.

Pollard.—In request at to 1s 3d per bushel.

Hay.—Moderate consignments from the Hunter River this morning, and these, with stocks on hand, give sufficient for the requirements. Prices weaker. Trade was rather quiet. Prime green lucerne, £4 to £4 5s per ton; brown, to £3 15s; other qualities from £3.

Chaff.—Moderate stocks and moving off quietly at £4 15s to £5 per ton.

Onions.—Market fairly stocked by late arrivals. Victorian at £7 per ton; Hunter River descriptions, to 5s per cwt.

Potatoes.—No fresh arrivals save a few odd lots from the Hunter River. All varieties moving off at the following rates per ton:—Melbourne garden, £5 10s to £6; Warrnambool, £6 10s to £7; river descriptions, 5s 6d to 6s per cwt.

Butter.—Stocks replenished from the Southern ports this morning. Illawarra in keg at 1s 6d per lb.; factory-made, 1s 9d; intercolonial packed to 1s 3d.

Cheese.—370 from the Southern ports yesterday afternoon and this morning. Colonial at 10d to 1s per lb.; New Zealand, 9d to 10½d.

Bacon.—Good supplies. Demand slack at 8½d per lb. for hand-cured Southern; machine-cured, at 7d to 7½d; heavy and rough, from 6d; hams, 10d to 1s 1d.

Lard.—Dull of sale at 5d per lb. for finely rendered in bladders; in bulk, from 4d.

Honey.—Good and clear at 4½d per lb.; other sorts, from 3½d.

Beeswax.—At 9d to 1s per lb., according to quality.

Eggs.—Small additions to stocks this morning. Brisk sales at 1s 6d to 2s per dozen.

Poultry.—Demand has fallen off, and the sales of all varieties are quiet at per pair:—Fowls, 3s to 6s 6d; ducks, 3s 9d to 6s 6d; geese, 5s 6d to 8s; hen-turkeys, 7s to 14s; cock-turkeys, 10s to 18s.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Commercial Travellers' Association took place last evening at Gunsler's Café, Pitt-street. Mr. James Inglis, M.L.A., the newly-elected president of the association, occupied the chair, and Messrs. B. N. White and F. Marshall were in the vice-chairs. About 70 gentlemen were present, including the following guests:—Messrs. T. and F. Lark (Young and Lark), T. A. Boesen (Petersen, Boesen, and Co.), Gardiner (Springhall and Co.), Stewart (Stewart and Co.), Paton (M'Lean Brothers and Rigg), Lee (Enoch Taylor and Co.), Churchwood (A. G. Churchwood and Co.), Thompson (Robert Harper and Co.), Keep (J. Keep and Sons), J. Broadbent (John See and Co.), M'Murtrie (M'Murtrie, Kellerman, and Co.), W. L. Nunn (G. H. Sippe and Co.), Myers (Myers and Solomon), J. F. Flockart (Victorian Travellers' Association), and P. P. Jones (hon. solicitor to the association). The dinner was provided by Messrs. Gunsler and Co., the catering being in every respect satisfactory, and the tables were very tastefully decorated for the occasion.

Immediately after dinner the CHAIRMAN announced that he had received a letter from his Excellency the Governor, expressing his deep sense of the honor conferred upon him by the association in inviting himself and his suite to the annual dinner, and expressing regret that a prior engagement prevented him from attending. He, however, wished the association every success. Apologies were also read from the following associations and firms, who all expressed a desire to see the permanent progress of the association, viz.:—Victorian Commercial Travellers' Association, South Australian Travellers' Association, Queensland Travellers' Association, Messrs. E. Vickery and Sons, Hy. Bull and Co., Heyde, Todman, and Co., A. W. M'Arthur and Co., Roberts, Chambers and Co., Warne and Reid, Wm. Perry and Co., M. Moss and Co., J. R. Love and Co., C. A. Goodchap, John Gilchrist, Fesq and Co., C. Bath and Co., Horace Woolnough and Co., Myers and Cantor, Wright, Heaton and Co., and the Clarence and Richmond River Steam Navigation Company. The hon. secretary (Mr. E. G. Rosenthall) then read the annual report, and, at the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Rosenthall was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his valuable services during the past year. A number of public men had also been invited, but failed to acknowledge the compliment.

The CHAIRMAN gave the usual loyal toasts, which were most enthusiastically received, and three hearty cheers were given for his Excellency the Governor and Lady Carrington.

Mr. B. N. WHITE proposed the Ministry and Parliament, and said that he hoped the Ministry would be allowed to come before the country without opposition, and place their policy before Parliament.

The CHAIRMAN responded for Parliament, and referred to a number of important measures, which he thought ought to have been dealt with by previous Ministers years ago. He also hoped, with the Vice-Chairman, that the new Ministry would have fair play.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM proposed the commercial interests of the colony. (Cheers.) When he spoke of the commercial interests, he meant the merchants of the city and country, the manufacturers, the banking institutions, wool-brokers, and steam, shipping, and carrying companies, &c. They all knew that the last two years had been very severe upon the mercantile interests of the colony,—(hear, hear)—and commercial travellers had great difficulty in doing their work and representing the various firms with safety to them, and, of course, with credit to the travellers. (Hear, hear.) He believed they might hope that, in consequence of the late rains, there was a good prospect before them. (Hear, hear.) He knew, as a commercial traveller, that the merchants had to behave with very great leniency to country constituents at different times. He knew that the fourth of the month had been eagerly watched; but still he could say this for the merchants, that they had no desire to crush country storekeepers because they had a difficulty in meeting their bills, and that they were willing to extend help to those who were deserving of help. (Hear, hear.) And they must also consider that country storekeepers had their burdens to bear, perhaps a much greater burden than the merchants, because the latter were paid interest, while the former received no interest for the credit they gave, and had to bear the brunt of it. (Hear, hear.) The Chairman had referred to several evils which he thought ought to be remedied by Parliament, and one was the state of the insolvency law. He agreed with him as to the necessity of an amendment in that direction, because it was very difficult for an honest trader to do business in competition with a dishonest trader who could always fall back upon the Insolvency Court, and not pay a farthing of his liabilities. He congratulated the merchants generally upon being able to stand the severe time they had had during the last five years. Manufactures were, he believed, coming on steadily in different branches of industry, and were helping to solve one difficulty which was always cropping up, namely, what they were to do with their young people. He believed these manufactures were deserving of encouragement, and that they were getting it. The wool-brokers were also doing good work in the colony, and by erecting commodious buildings were attracting wool from various parts of the colony for shipment at Sydney and Newcastle. (Hear, hear.) He thought that even the banking institutions had been inclined to be a little more lenient during the past year than they were previously. He remembered the time when the edict went forth, "Stop country overdrafts," and, of course, that came very hard upon the storekeepers at the time; but he thought during the past year a great deal of leniency had been shown to them. Steamship and carrying companies were also doing good work in the colony in facilitating the dispatch of our produce, and thus helping on the general prosperity of the country. (Cheers.)

The toast having been duly honoured,

Mr. LARK (Young and Lark), who was cordially received, responded, and said that he was one of those who could look back to a time when most of those present were in petticoats. (Hear, hear.) He felt a pleasure in looking back upon his earlier associations with Sydney. It was in this city that he first commenced business upon his own account, and although he did not live long in it, he had always felt a deep interest in Sydney, and had watched with great pride the development and progress of its commerce. (Cheers.) It was therefore not altogether out of place that he should have been called upon to respond to the toast, especially as he was probably the oldest member of the commercial community present there that evening. (Hear, hear.) He had heard that there had been a great deal of distress during the past two years, but he hoped that at the end of the coming year the prospect of better times would be found to have been realised—(hear, hear)—and that there would be found something like a renewal of the old style of business in which they were all able to participate with benefit. (Hear, hear.) When he was in Sydney last, such an individual as a commercial traveller was not known, but now he played an important part in the commerce of the world, not only as the representative of various firms, but as embodying the spirit and principle of commerce. (Hear, hear.) He hoped there were many among them who would eventually participate in the advantages of a high state of commerce, and he believed that there were elements of prosperity in the commerce of this colony which none of those present could anticipate. (Cheers.)

Mr. THOMPSON (Harper and Co.) also responded.

Mr. LEE (Enoch Taylor and Co.) proposed "The Commercial Travellers' Association of New South Wales and kindred associations." The local association was of only two or three years' standing, but he thought the merchants present that evening might take a lesson from the association, namely, that unity was strength; and he believed that many of the evils which had been referred to that evening could be remedied if the merchants combined as the commercial travellers had done. (Hear, hear.) The Commercial Travellers' Association of Great Britain was one of the greatest institutions in England. It founded its own scholarships, and those who were unable to provide a liberal education for their sons and daughters were assisted to do so. (Hear, hear.) The New South Wales Association was formed on the same lines, and would, he believed, in time be able to do as much as its English prototype. (Hear, hear.) It was very gratifying to know that the association had the congratulations and good wishes of kindred associations in other colonies. (Hear, hear.)

The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

The CHAIRMAN, in responding, said that it was a matter of satisfaction that the merchant princes of Sydney were with the association, and recognised the fact that the commercial travellers were trying to cement good fellowship between the commercial classes of the community. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. SAUNDERS also responded, and referred to the hospitality which had been accorded to him recently by the Victorian Association when he attended their annual dinner as a representative from Sydney. (Hear, hear.) He also announced that club-rooms had been taken in order to provide increased accommodation for members. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. FLOCKART (of the Victorian Association), in responding, said the funds of the association of Victoria now amounted to £3000, and the relief and scholarship funds were in good working order. (Hear, hear.) They had 209 full members and 181 club members, making in all 390, and he might also state that the club, small as it was was, entirely self-supporting. The Victorian Association was supported in a princely way by the merchants of Victoria.

The toasts of "The Guests," "The Ladies," and "The Press" were also proposed, and the formal portions of the proceedings then terminated. During the evening a good deal of vocal music was indulged in, and the company separated about midnight.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

The following information respecting the number of passengers travelling by rail on the 24th, 25th, 26th, and 28th December of the present year, together with the number for the corresponding dates of last year, has been supplied to us by Mr. W. V. Read, Traffic Manager:—1885: Suburban Line, 144,974; Illawarra Line, 17,110; Southern Line, 11,299; Western Line, 13,757: total, 187,140. 1884: Suburban Line, 129,566; Illawarra Line, 10,616; Southern Line, 11,150; Western Line, 14,840: total, 166,172.

WHAT SHALL I DRINK?—The Lancet says: "We have tested the Montserrat Lime-Fruit Juice and found it sound and free from adulteration. It is a far more wholesome drink than any other form of alcohol." Annual importation over 100,000 gallons, sold by all storekeepers, Sydney. Elliott Brothers.—[ADVT.]

THE MHOWA TREE, OR MAHWA TREE, &c.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Taking advantage of a wet holiday, and prompted thereto by Mr. Maiden's interesting letter in your issue of December 25, I beg leave to give a few additional items about the Mhowa tree, a very old and well-known friend of mine. Nearly all the wild animals of the jungle are attracted to the vicinity of these trees during the flowering season. By day parrots, minas, hornbills, pigeons, and other birds keep up a perpetual motion and clamour as they flit about, darting round hither and thither, and hopping from branch to branch, feeding on the succulent flowers. As night falls, wild hog, deer of various kinds, and even jackals come to feast on the fallen blossoms, and not unfrequently the sloth bear and the big black bear meet beneath the odorous branches, and get almost tipsy on the intoxicating mass of withered blossoms which carpet the sward.

Attracted by such a surfeit of game, the tiger and leopard will often pay a prowling visit, and, therefore, every sportsman is keen to note the neighbourhood of a Mhowa tree, and every native *Shikarree*, or hunter, can tell with unerring accuracy in what parts of the forest they are to be found. This, of course, refers to the wild parts of the forests where population is sparse.

"The tree is not unlike our oak in form, size, and the colouring of the foliage. It flowers in March and April. As the flowers ripen the corollas become fleshy and tinged with the juices they secrete; they then gradually loosen from the calyx, and, falling to the ground, are, in Central India, and in many other parts, carefully gathered by the women and children, the grass round the tree having been previously burnt off, so that none of the precious blossoms may be lost."

In my book on *The Nepaul Frontier*, p. 106, I make reference to the tree, and speak of the spirit which the natives distil from it, and have said, "The peculiar sickly smell of the mhowa, when in flower, pervades the atmosphere for a great distance round, and reminds one forcibly of the peculiar, sweet, sickly smell of a brewery."

The spirit distilled from the freshly-dried flowers is called, by the natives, daru. It is usually diluted with from five to ten times its bulk of water, and is then sold at about a penny per quart. It is largely consumed by the lower caste natives, and, in times of severe droughtiness, when nothing better can be obtained, I have seen "Tommy Atkins" imbibing the vilely-smelling potation in the bazaars, holding his nose meanwhile in mute protest against the too aggressive odour. "One hundredweight of flowers is said to yield from four to six gallons of proof spirit. The very carefully-distilled and rectified spirit, if put into oak casks, becomes of a yellowish colour with keeping, and is said to be little inferior to the best Irish whisky."

In France, after a long course of experiment, a means has been found of rectifying the spirit, and the bad smell is entirely got rid of. The result is very good alcohol. In 1884, I gather from the *Indian Agriculturist*, that mhowa flowers were exported to Marseilles for distillation, to the value of 6¾ lakhs of rupees.

"The oil is manufactured from the seeds by bruising, rubbing, and subjecting them to heavy pressure. It is a coarse sort of oil," says the authority I am quoting, "but in the manufacture of soap is largely used in the country, and also for candles. For that purpose it would be worth in England from £25 to £86 per ton. It has been tried by candle manufacturers, and pronounced very suitable and a valuable oil for such purposes."

The tree is a hardy one, and even in poor ground flourishes well. It readily propagates itself by seedlings. According to Lieutenant-Colonel Miller, officiating political agent at Bhopawar and commandant of the Malwa Bheel Corps, not more than 40 trees could be planted to the acre, and the yield per tree appeared to vary from about 120 to 240 lb. of flowers. If it be true that the flowers contain about half their weight in sugar, this would mean a yield of one or two tons per acre; but, as Mr. Maiden justly says, the idea of mhowa sugar becoming a commercial rival to cane or beetroot is ludicrously absurd. Mr. William Fox, F.C.S., of the laboratory, Great Tower-street, London, submitted the flowers to analysis with the following result:—Honey, 42·03 per cent.; cane sugar, 1·04; ash, 2·82; cellulose, &c., 42·20; water, 12·41; total, 100·00. No grape sugar was present. He adds:—"It will be impossible to make ordinary or cane-sugar from a substance yielding the above results. The sugar contained in the mhowa can only be utilised for brewing or distilling purposes. The flowers, I may add, are all male flowers."

Yet another authority writes thus:—"When dried, mhowa flowers rather resemble inferior figs. When fresh they have a sweet taste, but by no means agreeable odour. The fruit succeeds the blossoms. It is about the size of a very small apple, and the kernels contain oil, which is of an inferior colour, and rancid taste, but is very generally used by the poorer natives for lighting purposes, as well as for cooking; and it is also applied externally as a remedy for wounds, sores, and cutaneous diseases generally."

Lastly, I may mention that I know, from my own experience, that the leaves and flowers, mixed with bamboo leaves, chopped straw, dry grass, dry stems of maize or sorghum, no matter how dry, or old, or musty, forms a capital food for bullocks or stock generally; and in seasons of scarcity, as the tree will withstand long continued droughts, it should be experimented upon and attempts should be made to introduce its acclimatisation here. And this leads me to my et cetera.

Your London correspondent went too far when he spoke of "five mhowa trees yielding the same amount of sugar as an acre of sugar-cane." Nevertheless, the mhowa is a very useful tree. The leaves and flowers make an excellent fodder, as has just been stated; the tree itself is strikingly ornamental; it will grow in poor soil, and withstand long droughts and extreme heat. It is but a type of hundreds of other trees fit for "industrial culture in extra tropical countries," as Baron von Mueller terms it. And what, it may pertinently be asked, are we doing to introduce such trees here? What are we doing to introduce new vegetable products of any sort? If any effort is being made to introduce and acclimatise any such trees, new crops, or new products, it must be in a very quiet and modest way surely, for we hear little about it.

The fact is, Mr. Editor, that we want a Department of agriculture to take up this and kindred matters. We want experimental culture under competent skilled supervision. When we have propagated several species of pines, Moreton Bay figs, a few varieties of eucalypti, to be distributed to municipalities and public parks, we seem to have got the range of our tether. Our Botanical Gardens are very beautiful, and are kept in splendid order; but they are neither more nor less than pleasure and show grounds.

In Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, and New Zealand, to say nothing of India, America, and continental countries, many valuable trees have already been introduced. We have allowed nearly a century to pass over our heads, and can scarcely point to a single new tree of economical value which we have successfully introduced. I have myself made efforts, in conjunction with private citizens, to introduce the cinchona, mango, hayrabolam, cork, toon, neem, sissoo, and other Indian trees. In several parts of the colony we have these growing now. If we had a department whose special duty it would be to supervise and initiate such experiments, I feel sure the return to the State would amply warrant the expenditure.

Take, for instance, the state of our vineyards. You have from time to time—and the *Sydney Mail*, especially, has—drawn attention to the presence in our midst of that dreaded scourge the phylloxera. And what has been done? A few reports. A few gentlemen who are presumably not experts, who possibly do not know the real importance of the matter, complacently make a sort of perfunctory examination of the infected vineyards, and the utmost result they can arrive at is, that they will uproot the vines, resume the vineyards, and grant compensation (no doubt, on a liberal scale) to the owners, who, by their own laziness and inertness, are mainly responsible for the state of their cultivation. Meantime fruit, cuttings, roots, have been sent all over the colony, and heaven only knows what mischief may not be the result.

All this time there is a gentleman in our midst who has devoted time, research, and skilled training to the perfect understanding of the pest, and the best means for its eradication. His proposals have been before the authorities. He is prepared to give reliable proof of the *bona fides* of these proposals. Authentic reports show that his method has been successful in other countries. His proposition, if carried out, could be proved effective or the reverse, at a small expenditure of public funds. But no. No reason is given. His offer is rejected, and the costly alternative of giving full compensation is determined upon, a course of action that may cost the colony over £50,000, and even then not be efficacious. Mr. Bonnard, who represented this colony at the Bordeaux Exhibition, is the gentleman I refer to. Let him state his plans to you, and I feel sure you will agree with me that he should be allowed an opportunity in the public interest of showing what is procedure is, and of proving its efficacy.

Nor is this an isolated instance of the fatal waste of time, opportunity, and combined intelligent effort and experiment which the want of an Agricultural Department entails on the country. By this time, if we had had such a department vigorously and intelligently administered, we might have had as an appendage to every farm oilmills for the production of olive, castor, linseed, gingelly, and other oils. I have myself proved that all these will readily grow here. We might be exporting tons of oil cake, or feeding our cattle on it. We might have our cork and myrobolan plantations, our indigo factories, our flax mills, and dozens of other industries. New products, such as ozara or india-rubber, coffee, cocoa, ginger, safflower, rhea, and other drugs, dyes, and fibres, might be growing side by side with maize and sugarcane, lucerne, and potatoes on our rich coast lands; and in the interior silos might be filled to the brim with the rich spoil of our irrigated paddocks, and the demon of drought and scarcity might have long ago been exorcised.

Is it too late to make a start now? We have now in Parliament 122 representatives of the people. A great increase certainly, and yet the numerical strength of the Cabinet has not increased in a like ratio. A department of agriculture and irrigation is, I maintain, a necessity, if experiment is to be rightly guided and vigorously prosecuted. Did time permit, and were your space available, I could show many other weighty reasons in support of such a new departure. I agree with you that every holder of office should have, if possible, large Parliamentary experience. Let me only hope, in concluding these very hastily written remarks, that I may have started a practical discussion on the matter which you, Sir, will encourage, and that every friend to farming will assist me in drawing attention to this subject, and agitating for it, till it be an accomplished fact.

I am, &c., JAS. INGLIS.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

POLITICAL.

The Parliamentary business of the year began on March the 17th, on which date both Houses assembled for the purpose of considering the action of the Government in having sent troops to the assistance of the British forces in the Soudan without authority from the Legislature. An amendment to the Address in Reply to the vice-regal speech was proposed, censuring the Government. The amendment was opposed not only by the Government, but also by the leader of the Opposition, Sir John Robertson, and after a debate, which extended over several nights, it was negatived by 64 votes to 23. Subsequently an Indemnity Bill was passed, and on the 27th of the month Parliament was prorogued. Parliament reassembled on the 8th of September. After a little formal business had been disposed of, the Premier, Sir Alexander Stuart, drew attention in the Assembly, as a question of privilege, to certain statements made by Sir Henry Parkes when announcing to the electors of Tenterfield, in November, 1884, his retirement from political life, and moved that the statements were a libel on the House. After debate, the resolution was carried by a majority of four votes. On the following day Mr. J. F. Burns, who was acting for Sir John Robertson as leader of the Opposition, moved an amendment upon the reply to the Governor's speech, censuring the Ministry for not having called Parliament together at an earlier period of the year. It was known that there was no chance of the amendment being carried; nevertheless, the question was debated until the 23rd of September, on which day a division was taken, giving the Government the large majority of 51 to 18. On the last day of that month Mr. Garvan moved that the "House disapproves of the position of Secretary for Public Works being held by Mr. Wright, of the carrying firm of Wright, Heaton, and Co." The Government accepted the resolution as a motion of censure. After a two days' debate the motion was defeated by 35 votes to 16. On the afternoon of the day on which the division was taken (October 2) a proclamation was issued proroguing Parliament to the 27th October. On the 5th Sir Alexander Stuart resigned, and Mr. Dibbs formed a Ministry, Mr. Dalley having declined the responsibility on the ground of ill-health. On the 7th Parliament was dissolved, and the elections began in the following week, and were completed on the last day of the month. The Premier was defeated at St. Leonards by Sir Henry Parkes, who alleged as his reason for opposing Mr. Dibbs that the Government were improperly in office, but he was subsequently elected at the head of the poll for the Murrumbidgee. Mr. Wright, who occupied the position of Minister of Mines in the reconstructed Administration, was beaten at Redfern, and Mr. Badgery, the Minister for Works, was defeated at Camden. Whilst the elections were progressing, Mr. Farnell, the Minister for Justice, who had been called to the Upper House, resigned his portfolio. Mr. Lyne, Mr. Slattery, and the Hon. George Thornton were taken into the Administration in the place of these three gentlemen.

The new Parliament was opened by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Alfred Stephen, on the 17th November. On the Address in Reply Sir John Robertson moved an amendment, to the effect that the Administration did not possess the confidence of the House. The debate which ensued was a long and an acrimonious one. The amendment was finally rejected by two votes; 56 members having voted for, and 58 against it. The general feeling was that, as the majority was not sufficient to enable the Government to carry on the business of the House, they should resign. Mr. Dibbs, however, expressed his intention of remaining in office, and of bringing in his financial statement. His belief was understood to be that the no-confidence motion having been disposed of, many of the independent members would come over to his side, and give the Government a general support, thus providing them with the majority that was needed. On the 11th instant the financial statement was delivered. A considerable portion of the Treasurer's speech consisted of a defence of the conduct of the Government in regard to the Bank of New South Wales, the Agent-General, and the floating of loans at 3½ per cent. The chief item of interest, however, in the speech was the statement that at the end of the year there would be a deficiency in the revenue amounting to more than a million sterling. This deficiency Mr. Dibbs proposed to deal with by means of Treasury bills. A debate on the statement took place, when it soon became apparent that the Government would not be permitted to continue to administer the finances of the country. On the 15th, when the Opposition endeavoured to force an unexpected division, the Minister for Justice staved off a vote by talking against time. But on the following day the Premier came down to the House and announced that the Ministry had resigned. On the 17th Sir John Robertson was sent for by the Governor, and was entrusted with the duty of forming an Administration. On the 22nd the formation of the new Ministry was announced in the House. It consisted of Sir John Robertson, Colonial Secretary and Premier; Mr. John Fitzgerald Burns, Treasurer; Mr. Gerald Spring, Minister for Lands; Mr. Jacob Garrard, Minister for Works; Mr. James Henry Young, Minister for Public Instruction; Mr. Louis Francis Heydon, Minister for Justice; Mr. Robert Matteson Vaughn, Minister for Mines; Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Postmaster-General; and Mr. G. B. Simpson, Attorney-General, with a seat in the Upper House. On the 29th instant the Premier published his address to the electors of Mudgee. The address consists for the most part of an exposition of the policy which it is the intention of his Government to pursue with respect to public lands.

The Land Act of the Stuart Administration, which was passed last year, came into partial operation on the 1st of January. Unexpected difficulties and delays, however, occurred in connection with the division of the pastoral holdings, and it was not until the beginning of August that the first Land Office day was held. It was expected that a large amount of business would be transacted when this event took place, and the expectation was realised; for there were about 1400 applications for conditional purchases, and 250 for conditional leases, the area involved being half a million of acres. In an able speech which he made in the House last month, Mr. Abbott, the Minister for Lands, acknowledged the necessity of making certain amendments in the Act, and promised that if the Government remained in office, an amending measure would be introduced. In regard to its main principles, the Act has the confidence of the country, and even its bitterest enemies do not now suggest that it should be repealed.

The Civil Service Act is another of the measures of the Stuart Government which have come into force during the year. The work of classifying the Civil servants was done by the Civil Service Board. When the results were published, expressions of indignation came from several quarters. The Public school teachers were dissatisfied because the board had excluded them from the provisions relating to annual increases of salary; and the telegraph operators complained because they were classified with the unskilled employees in the Civil service, such as postmen and railway porters. It was announced officially that the extra expenditure for the present year consequent upon the administration of the Act, would be about £54,000; and this circumstance, together with the probability that the expenditure for the ensuing year would be considerably in advance of that sum, caused many members of the House to regard the measure with disfavour. The general opinion, however, is that the Act is sound in its main principles, and that when it undergoes some necessary amendment, it will increase the efficiency of the Civil Service, and will therefore be a benefit to the country.

Early in January the long-standing connection which existed between the Government and the Bank of New South Wales was terminated by the Treasurer, Mr. Dibbs, who transferred the public account to nine associated banks. What caused this action to be taken was the transfer of the loan business from the Bank of New South Wales to the Bank of England. Shortly after the Government had taken the latter step, and whilst negotiations were pending for the revision of the contract with the Bank of New South Wales, the Government overdrew its local general account in Sydney to the extent of nearly a million sterling. The bank, however, was called upon by the Government to transfer from London to the public account in Sydney a sum of £1,200,000, the greater part of which was to have been paid to credit in the London branch by the Bank of England. The bank, holding that the contract was no longer in force, refused to receive the money at interest in London, and to transfer [illegible] money, on the terms required, but proceeded to charge interest upon the overdraft at current rates. The Government, attributing the overdraft in Sydney to the bank's refusal to transfer the money, went further, and laid claim to interest on the money which the bank had refused to receive in London. The negotiations for a revision of the contract between the parties broke down. Late in the year the dispute was brought into the Supreme Court, when it was ruled that as the bank had called for revision of the contract, and given notice that it would charge current interest on the overdraft, it was entitled to the sum it demanded, which amounted to about £47,000, or nearly £20,000 in excess of the sum which Mr. Dibbs thought the Government ought to pay.

Early in July the Government announced their intention of placing a loan of £5,500,000 on the market. The announcement excited some strong criticism in England. The *Times* warned the public that the colony was borrowing too largely and too rapidly; and five financial firms drew up a protest against the action of the Government. A day or two after the loan was proposed fresh complications arose in Afghanistan, making probable a speedy declaration of war, and the loan was in consequence withdrawn. It was put upon the market again in October, and floated; but the price obtained was only £91 13s. 5d., which was £2 less than the price received for the 3½ per cent. loan that was floated in the previous year.

In connection with the floating of the last loan, a serious dispute arose between the Government and the Agent-General, and it seemed at one time that it would result in the latter being recalled. Several charges were brought against Sir Saul Samuel. Under date August 6, the Colonial Secretary wrote to him as follows:—"The Cabinet have the impression that on each occasion of bringing out a loan the difficulties have rather been magnified by you, and in this last proposal that your sympathies, and consequently your advice, have rather been with the speculators or holders of our last loan than with the colony." The Government also accused the Agent-General of being tardy in carrying out instructions to meet adverse criticisms in leading London papers. When Sir Saul Samuel's reply was received, it was discovered that there were no real grounds for the suspicions entertained by the Cabinet, and that the Agent-General's delay in writing to the papers was caused by his having acted upon the letter of his general instructions, and sought the advice of the managing directors of the Bank of England.

In September the Stuart Government gave notice to the Pacific Mail Company of their intention to terminate the contract which existed between the parties for the conveyance of mails from Sydney to San Francisco; and shortly afterwards they made a provisional agreement with the Government of New Zealand for the establishment of a new service, which should fork at Honolulu, be controlled principally by New Zealand, and cost this colony only £13,000 a year. After this agreement was entered into, the Government was reconstructed, and Mr. See became Postmaster-General. A deputation from the Chamber of Commerce waited on him to induce him to withdraw from the agreement entered into by his predecessor, on the ground that adherence thereto would be disadvantageous to the country. Mr. See, however, regarded himself as being bound by the act of Mr. Norton; and he explained that if he did what the deputation desired, the result would be that the colony would have no direct mail service to America. Since then the New Zealand service has been brought into operation, but it is regarded with disapproval by a large section of the mercantile portion of the community.

A Bill to provide for the constitution of a Federal Council of Australasia was passed through the Imperial Legislature in July. When the bill was before the House of Commons the New South Wales Government telegraphed to the Agent-General instructing him to urge the Secretary for State to make one or two important amendments in the measure. The Secretary for State, however, declined to do as he was requested; and, without any serious discussion, the bill was passed into law. When the news reached Australia, Mr. Griffith, the Premier of Queensland, was requested by the Premier of Victoria to draw up an Adopting Bill, to be submitted to the Legislatures of the several colonies that had signified their approval of the Enabling Bill. Mr. Griffith performed the duty entrusted to him, and subsequently the Queensland Parliament passed it into law. It was submitted to the South Australian House of Assembly, but that body adjourned the debate thereon frequently until the measure was shelved. When the Adopting Bill was forwarded from the Lower House in Victoria to the Council it contained a clause to the effect that the co-operation of South Australia would be regarded as a *sine qua non* to federation; but as soon as the fact was realised that that colony would probably have nothing to do with the matter, Mr. Service caused the clause to be struck out. Arrangements have been made to hold the first Federal Council in Hobart on the 26th of January. The colonies which will be represented will be Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia, and Fiji. These colonies contain between them only a little more than one-half of the white population of Australasia. Under these circumstances the Federal Council of Australasia will be an Australasian Council only in name.

THE CONTINGENT AND THE DEFENCES.

The greatest event that has happened during the year is the despatch of the Contingent to the Soudan. Early in February rumours were circulated that General Gordon, who had been sent to Khartoum by the Imperial Government to bring away the Egyptian garrisons stationed in that and other towns on the Nile, had been killed. On the 11th of that month a cable message was received confirming the truth of the rumour. The position of England at the time was embarrassing, she being almost isolated from the European Powers, who regarded her with an unfriendly eye, and it was deemed by Mr. Dalley, who was Acting Colonial Secretary, that the circumstances required an expression of practical sympathy from the colony towards the mother country. Accordingly a Cabinet Council was promptly held, when it was decided to make a definite offer of troops to the Imperial Government for service in the Soudan. The minute of the Cabinet stated that the Government in making the offer desired to testify to the readiness of the Australian Colonies to give instant and practical help to the Empire in its emergency, "conceiving that such a course cannot be without a beneficial effect upon those who may, in dealing adversely with the Imperial interests, fail to recognise the esteem, the sympathy, and the adherence of the colonies." The publication of the offer, and the accompanying minute, brought congratulations and offers of help from all sides. Sums, ranging from £1000 downwards, were contributed towards the formation of a Patriotic Fund. Several of the other colonies imitated the example of New South Wales, and cabled to the Home Government their desire to send troops. The enthusiasm in England when the news of what the colony had done was published was intense and the greatest men in politics and literature described the action as one of the most significant events in the Imperial history. A great public meeting was held in the Exhibition Building, Sydney, to obtain an expression of public feeling on the subject and to establish a Patriotic Fund. The meeting was addressed by Sir James Martin, and other leading citizens, and was most successful. Against the whole movement, however, Sir Henry Parkes protested in a series of letters; but his sentiments were not those of the public at large. On March the 3rd the Contingent left Sydney for the Soudan in two steamers, and after an uneventful voyage reached their destination in safety. They made a favourable impression upon the officers in charge of the Imperial forces at Suakim; and during their stay at the seat of war they did their full share of campaigning work. Complications having arisen between England and Russia with respect to the northern boundary of Afghanistan, a large number of the members of the Contingent volunteered for service in the last-named country; but the war-cloud having diminished, it became unnecessary for them to go to Afghanistan. Shortly afterwards, on account of the virtual cessation of hostilities in the Soudan, the Contingent returned home. They arrived on June 19, and landed a couple of days afterwards, when they were welcomed by large numbers of the people in the midst of a pouring rain. They were marched to the Paddington Barracks, where they were addressed by the Governor and the representatives of the several Australasian colonies, who eulogised their conduct. Shortly afterwards they were disbanded. Banquets in their honour were subsequently held, at which they received the congratulations and thanks of the citizens. Before the return of the Contingent, the Patriotic Fund had been increased to nearly £40,000. Part of this sum had been expended in giving relief to the members of the force whose health had become impaired in the performance of their duties, and to the relatives of the men who had perished from disease; but the greater portion has been invested by the trustees for the benefit of people, or their relatives, who may hereafter suffer in connection with the defence of the country.

The departure of the Contingent gave a great impulse to the volunteer movement, and the impulse was intensified by the disquieting reports that came from England, which declared that war between Great Britain and Russia was inevitable. As it was almost certain that, in the event of such a war taking place, Australia would be attacked, the greatest enthusiasm was shown in making preparations for defence. Corps of infantry, both foot and mounted, were formed all over the country. The Imperial Government caused two swift steamers, the Lusitania and the Massilia, to be fitted up as cruisers. Admiral Tryon was consulted by the Government, and gave some practical suggestions, which were published on May the 7th, for dealing with a foe in the event of one arriving. Fully 5000 volunteers were enrolled. A couple of months after the return of the Contingent, a review of the forces was held in Moore Park. About 8700 men were present, and the affair afforded a good indication of what the colony was capable of doing in resisting an invasion.

In recognition of the loyalty of the colony, and the services rendered by the Contingent, the Premier, Mr. Alexander Stuart, received the distinction of knighthood, and Colonel Richardson was made a C.M.G. The Hon. W. B. Dalley, Attorney-General, and the Hon. E. Barton, Speaker of the Assembly, had honours offered them, which, however, they declined.

ROYAL COMMISSIONS.

The Royal Commission on the conservation of water, which was appointed 18 months ago, has been very active during the year. Its members visited many parts of the country, especially the dry districts, examined a large number of witnesses, and obtained a quantity of valuable information. Their first report, an elaborate and interesting document, was laid on the table of the House on the 17th instant. The commissioners are convinced that the conservation of large supplies of water in this colony, and a properly regulated distribution of the water over large areas of land, are not only possible but, comparatively speaking, easy of attainment. In many localities in the interior where water is most needed they have found the nature of the country eminently adapted for the construction of large reservoirs. The commissioners have made a number of recommendations, most of which they have embodied in a draft bill.

The report of the Railway Bridges Inquiry Commission was laid on the table of the House on the 8th September. One of the tasks entrusted to the commission was to decide whether certain repairs which were carried out on some of the railway bridges by the instructions of the Engineer for Existing Lines, after the bridges had been handed over to him by the Engineer-in-Chief, were really required. Mr. Whitton contended that they were not only unnecessary, but that they weakened the structures. The repairs consisted chiefly in re-riveting. The report stated that in the case of some of the smaller bridges the structures had been improved by the re-rivetting. But it also stated that in regard to the bridges generally much of the re-riveting that was done was unnecessary. The Commissioners recommended that for the future the Engineer-in-Chief should have a certain control over existing works, as well as lines in course of construction.

NEW GUINEA.

After a correspondence on the subject between the parties, England and Germany came to an agreement in March last regarding the boundary line between their respective possessions in New Guinea. Sir Peter Scratchley was appointed High Commissioner over the territory annexed by Great Britain; and after having spent several months in Victoria and New South Wales in making necessary arrangements for establishing British authority on the island, he departed thither to enter upon the duties of his office. Unfortunately, the climate of New Guinea proved fatal to him. He was seized with malarial fever whilst cruising off Bentley Bay, on the N.E. coast of the island, on the 21st of November. Three or four days afterwards alarming symptoms set in, and it was decided to steer for the Queensland coast, in the hope that the change of climate might prove beneficial. The steamer arrived at Cooktown on the 30th ultimo, but the weather there was so oppressive that the fever was aggravated rather than diminished. Coming down the Queensland coast the patient gradually got weaker, until at length he succumbed. His remains were taken to Melbourne, where they were buried.

In June last the Geographical Society of Australasia completed their arrangements for despatching an exploring expedition to New Guinea. They selected Captain H. E. Everill for the position of leader, and also appointed an efficient scientific staff. On the 10th of the month the expedition departed from Sydney for the scene of their labour. Acting upon advice they altered their programme, and instead of trying to reach the interior of New Guinea via the river Aird, they resolved to proceed up the Fly. Accounts of their progress were received from time to time; but for several weeks after their entrance into the Fly River not a word about them was heard. In the second week in November, however, a startling rumour came from Thursday Island to the effect that the expedition, with the exception of two Malays who had fled, had been massacred by the natives. A few days later fuller statements were published, which seemed to establish the truth of the rumours. The fact that Mr. M'Farlane, a New Guinea missionary of great experience, was inclined to believe the report of the massacre, led the Australian communities to fear that it must be true. A relief expedition was promptly fitted out, and despatched; but before it reached the New Guinea coast, the expedition turned up at Thursday Island safe and sound. They arrived in Sydney on the 3rd instant. The full narrative of the progress of the expedition has not yet been published; but Captain Everill has given a short statement from which the public have gathered that beyond discovering a river tributary to the Fly, not much of importance was accomplished. The scrub was so dense on the banks of the Fly, and of the tributary which was explored, that the expedition could not force their way through it to examine the country.

THE RABBIT INVASION.

The rabbits being greatly on the increase in the colony, the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. W. B. Dalley, addressed a circular in April last to several of the Australian Premiers, in which he suggested that the Colonial Governments should contribute between them a bonus of £10,000, to be given to any person who discovered a practicable means for rapidly destroying the pest. Mr. Dalley's suggestion, however, was not favourably received. In reply, Mr. Service expressed the opinion that the agencies employed in Victoria to get rid of the rabbits, were effective for the purpose, and therefore no new devices were required. Later in the year Mr. Abbott, who was then Minister for Mines, visited the rabbit-infested territory; and after his return, he convened a conference of delegates from the sheep boards throughout the country, to consider the question of the invasion, and recommend what course they deemed it advisable to take. The conference met in October, and after several days' debate, they passed a series of resolutions, in which they affirmed the necessity of separating the infested from the non-infested portions of the colony by erecting rabbit-proof fences; also, that the railway line from Narramine to Bourke should be forthwith made rabbit-proof; and that the natural enemies of the rabbit, such as the native and the domestic cat, the iguana, and the ferret should be utilised as much as possible. They recommended, further, that a competent person should be sent to Victoria to inspect the rabbit proof fences in that colony and report. The Minister acted immediately upon the last resolution, and instructed Mr. Myring, chief of the rabbit department, to proceed to Victoria for the purpose stated. Mr. Myring has completed the duty assigned to him, but his report has not yet been published. From the letters, however, of the special correspondent of this journal, who accompanied the commissioner, the public have learned that Mr. Myring is fully convinced that by means of wire-wove fences and by digging out the rabbits can be exterminated.

SANITARY AND MUNICIPAL.

A case of smallpox occurred on board of the steamship Ringarooma on February 24. The patient was the steward of the steamer. As the vessel had only just arrived from New Zealand when the nature of the disease was discovered, it was supposed that the smallpox had been contracted in that colony. On the investigation of the matter by the authorities, however, they came to the conclusion that the patient must have become infected before his departure from Sydney on the voyage to New Zealand. The usual precautions were taken by the Health Board to prevent the disease from spreading, and those efforts were successful. Five months later, namely, in August, the French mail steamer Oceanien brought smallpox to Sydney; but on that occasion the disease was not confined to the ship; for some time after her departure from the port it broke out at Randwick, where it attacked several persons, some of whom were rendered dangerously ill. The Medical Board, however, again proved themselves equal to the emergency, and the result is that during the last three months there has not been a sign of smallpox in our midst.

Towards the middle of the year Dr. MacLaurin startled the community by a paper on typhoid, which he read before the medical section of the Royal Society. He stated that the disease was more prevalent at the time than it had been for a number of years; and he attributed this in great part to the insanitary condition of the suburbs, which, he proved by statistics, were far worse in this respect than the city. Dr. MacLaurin's paper excited a great deal of discussion. The Bishop of Sydney preached an able sermon in St. Andrew's Cathedral on the subject of sanitation, and made a strong appeal to the people to pay stricter attention to the laws of health. One result of the agitation was the holding of a public meeting at the Town Hall for the purpose of urging the Government to introduce a Health Bill without delay. Resolutions in favour of this course were carried, and two or three days after the meeting a deputation presented them to the Colonial Secretary, who replied that a Bill such as they desired had already been prepared by the Government, and would be introduced in the next session of Parliament. In July a conference on sanitation was held under the auspices of the Institute of Architects. The principal members of the profession, however, did not take any part in the proceedings, and hardly any practical suggestions were made. Much of the time of the conference was taken up in discussing the subject of cremation, and a particular system of sewerage. Meanwhile the typhoid epidemic decreased in virulence, but recently a fresh development took place, the cases being more numerous than they were in the earlier part of the year. The Health Bill was introduced as promised by the Colonial Secretary. It is one of the most comprehensive measures ever brought before the local legislature, but it will need important amendments before it is allowed to pass into law.

On the 11th instant a report was telegraphed from Brisbane that Asiatic cholera had broken out on board of the British-India Steam Navigation Company's steamer Dorunda, which arrived at Townsville on the previous day. At first the people refused to believe that the disease was what the report described it to be. Their incredulity arose from the circumstance that the disease had manifested itself only after the steamer's departure from Cooktown, when she had been nearly a fortnight out from Batavia, at which place it was alleged the germs were taken on board; and their assumption was that true cholera was much more rapid in its development than such a state of things implied; but investigation has led the medical experts to decide that the disease is Asiatic cholera. Several of the passengers were seized by the complaint, and some of these succumbed after a brief illness, in some instances lasting less than 12 hours.

The Mayor of Sydney has been very active amongst the rookeries during the year, and many of them have been swept away. The sites of some of them are now occupied by buildings which, whatever their defects may be, are not likely to be a source of danger to the health of the people.

There has been a hitch in connection with the erection of the Centennial Hall. Tenders having been invited for completing the edifice according to the plans and specifications prepared by the city architect, it was found when they came in that the lowest tender was many thousands of pounds in excess of the estimate. After several meetings had been held on the subject, some modifications of the original designs were effected, and subsequently a tender for carrying out the work according to the modified plans was accepted. It may be expected, therefore, that the building will be completed by the centennial year.

Some of the municipal elections this year were keenly contested, notably the one for Cook Ward, in which Mr. John Davies, C.M.G., and Mr. A. J. Riley, of the firm of Riley Brothers, were candidates. Nearly twice as many votes were polled as on any previous occasion, and Mr. Riley beat his opponent by 800 votes. For the office of Mayor there were two candidates, namely, the retiring Mayor and Alderman John Young; the latter was elected by two votes. The local option vote for the city wards was taken this year. In the majority of cases the ratepayers decided against any increase in the number of public-houses for the next three years; but many people voted the other way—not, however, because they favour the public-house business, but because they are unwilling that the city should be brought under the rule of the local optionists.

SOCIAL.

The period for which Lord Augustus Loftus was appointed Governor of New South Wales expiring in 1885, the Imperial Government took steps early in the year to secure a suitable successor. Their choice fell upon Lord Carrington, whose appointment took place in the beginning of March. His Excellency is not a novice in politics, having occupied a seat in the House of Commons for several years, and subsequently a seat in the House of Lords. He has always been a supporter of the Liberal party. Before leaving the old country he was entertained at a series of banquets, and at each of these he was made the subject of high encomiums. Further testimony was given in a letter addressed to the Trades and Labour Council in Sydney, by Mr. Broadhurst, as working men's member of the House of Commons. Lord and Lady Carrington and suite arrived in Sydney by the P. and O. steamer Carthage on the 12th instant, and received a very cordial welcome. Two days after the official landing His Excellency held a levee at Government House, which was attended by fully 2000 citizens, many of whom have prophesied that socially at least Lord Carrington will be as popular as any of his predecessors. Lord Augustus Loftus left the colony on the 9th of November.

On February 13, Mr. J. A. Froude, the eminent historian, arrived in Sydney, from England via Adelaide and Melbourne. Mr. Froude was accompanied by his son, and the object of their trip was simply recreation and pleasure. They stayed only a couple of weeks in the colony, and then sailed for England via San Francisco.

About a fortnight after Mr. Froude's departure, Mr. G. A. Sala, the well-known journalist, arrived. Mr. Sala came for a threefold purpose, namely, to satisfy his curiosity, to deliver a series of lectures in the colonies, and to gather materials for a book. He has lectured in all the principal towns of Australia and New Zealand, and it is said that he is perfectly satisfied with the financial results.

In April last complaints were made in the newspapers to the effect that an institution in Sydney, known as the Girls' Friendly Society, was using the immigration department for the purpose of procuring domestic servants from England for service in Church of England families in the colony. Exception was taken to the proceeding, because it implied the employment of the public revenue to obtain a special privilege for a religious denomination. When the matter was looked into, it was discovered that Sir Alexander Stuart had authorised the proceeding, and given instructions to the Agent-General to aid it to the best of his ability. When the facts were made public, Mr. Dalley, the Acting Colonial Secretary, wrote a minute cancelling the order of Sir Alexander Stuart. On the return of the latter from New Zealand, he restored his original minute; but as the public feeling was adverse to his action, the Bishop of Sydney published a letter stating that the committee of the Girls' Friendly Society had resolved not to continue to exercise the privilege given them by the Premier, and the matter was, therefore, allowed to drop.

In recognition of his personal worth, and of his valuable services as the Chief Justice of the colony, the members of the Bar presented Sir James Martin with a finely-executed portrait of himself. The presentation was made on May 23rd by the Attorney-General, the Hon. W. B. Dalley. The speech which Mr. Dalley delivered, in making the presentation, was one of his most graceful oratorical performances. In returning thanks, Sir James Martin gave some interesting reminiscences. The characteristics of all the notabilities of the Bench and the Bar, with whom he had been acquainted, were described; and he also gratified his audience by giving them some particulars of the manner in which he had toiled onward to the distinguished position which he holds.

For years visitors have complained that in the matter of hotels Sydney is worse off than almost any other city of the same size. The complaint was well-founded. But the reproach is to be taken away. Arrangements are being made to erect a large family hotel in Bent-street, at an estimated cost, including furniture, of £80,000. It is reported that preliminary steps have been taken to build one or two other palatial hotels.

The Drapers' Association have been active for the purpose of promoting early closing in the retail drapery establishments in the city and the suburbs. Much excitement was caused in the body by the conduct of an enterprising draper in Oxford-street, who came over from Victoria several months since and opened a large place of business in that thoroughfare. It was alleged that he kept his assistants at work from 12 to 14 hours a day. He was interviewed by deputations; and he was threatened with boycotting. It transpired, however, that the reports concerning his treatment of his employees were exaggerated. Taking advantage of the excitement generated in connection with this merchant, the Drapers' Association convened a public meeting at the Town Hall for the purpose of advancing the early closing movement. Resolutions of sympathy were passed, and promises given by the audience to discourage shopping after certain hours.

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

Railway extension has progressed rapidly during the year. A notable event was the opening of the railway to Bourke, by which the river Darling was connected with the metropolis. The line from Murrumburrah to Young, and the line from Orange to Molong, have also been opened. The railway report of the Commissioner of Railways for 1884, which was published in August, showed that the net returns from the railways gave a smaller percentage of interest on the capital invested than was given by the returns for the previous year. This was due partly to the drought and partly to the extensions into sparsely-populated country.

The trams being worked at a loss, the Minister for Works raised the fares in January. His action caused a loud outcry, and numerous meetings were held, and several deputations organised, to protest against the proceeding. Mr. Wright, however, was immovable. But at length he discovered that by the change, he had made matters worse than they were before; and so in June he issued fresh regulations. By these, cash fares were abolished, and it was provided that only tickets could be accepted. This caused some grumbling; but the grumbling ceased after a few weeks, and the public do not now complain of the system, which, it is believed, increases the revenue from the tramways, and diminishes the work of the conductors.

METEOROLOGICAL.

The year has been one of the driest ever known. In the course of his financial statement on the 11th instant, Mr. Dibbs, the late Colonial Treasurer, quoted, in support of this observation, some remarkable statistics supplied by Mr. Russell, the Government Astronomer. According to Mr. Russell, the rainfall of 1881 was 5·9 per cent. below the average; 1882, 7·7; 1883, 19·1; 1884, 25·8; 11 months of 1885, 24·6. And on the authority of some gentlemen, on whose statements he could fully rely, Mr. Russell also informed Mr. Dibbs that the then condition of the River Darling was worse than ever it had been.

In the autumn the supply of water in the Botany dams had become so much reduced that the City Council, with the advice of their engineer, introduced the intermittent system to both city and suburbs. Efforts were made to discover additional sources of supply. Water in quantity was discovered at a locality known as the Veteran Swamp, and also on the western shores of Botany Bay, and it was resolved to utilise the supply from the former, but Dr. Mackellar having reported unfavourably of its quality, the project was abandoned. The plan of bringing water from the Nepean by means of flumes was suggested. Subsequently this idea was taken up by Messrs. Hudson Brothers, who submitted plans to the Government, and offered to construct works in accordance therewith for £65,000. The offer was accepted. Messrs. Hudson finished their contract within a few weeks of the time stipulated in their agreement; but when they turned the water into the pipes and flumes, these leaked so extensively that the whole supply was lost before it had come half way to Sydney. The firm at once addressed themselves to the task of making the necessary repairs, and within the last month the Nepean water was brought within easy reach of Botany. On the 21st of June Sydney was visited by a heavy downpour of rain, 13 inches fell in 48 hours, and the Botany dams were so replenished, that the fears of the people in respect of the water supply were banished.

PASTORAL.

The condition of the pastoral industry has not been satisfactory. Although abundant rain has fallen in some parts of the colony, in other parts, including many of the pastoral areas, there has been almost continuous drought. As stated elsewhere, the Darling has been lower than at any previous period in our history; and many of the stations along its course have been in a deplorable condition. On the coast the drought has also been felt severely. In the Bega district alone fully 8000 head of cattle have perished. To make matters worse, the price of wool fell in the London market, and the telegrams stated that there was a prospect of a further fall. That there should be a fall was not surprising, because in consequence of the droughts we experienced, the quality of the commodity was inferior to what it was when grass was abundant. People were not so much alarmed at that circumstance as at the report which predicted a continued decline. It became a question for serious consideration what should be done in the emergency. A meeting of squatters from all the colonies was held in Melbourne, at which it was decided to make an attempt to open markets in China and Japan for the sale of wool and the manufacture of woollen goods. About the time this event took place, a well-known Sydney gentleman wrote a letter to this journal, in which he argued that it was impossible for the wool trade to be permanently depressed, because the pastures of the world were not sufficiently large to make it practicable to produce a glut of wool. Two or three weeks after the publication of this letter the market hardened, and shortly afterwards wool advanced fully a penny a pound. In connection with this industry reference may appropriately be made to the service rendered by the water augers and diamond drills. By their instrumentality large supplies of fresh water have been discovered in many parts of the dry country, and it is evident that they are destined to play an important part in the development of our territory.

LABOUR AND INDUSTRIES.

The year has not passed away without the occurrence of labour strikes. One of the most serious was a strike of seamen, which took place on board the Pacific mail steamer Zealandia in April. The steamer had a crew of Chinese, which were shipped for the round voyage at San Francisco. On her arrival in Sydney, the "Maritime Council" demanded that the Chinese should be discharged, and white men taken in their places. This demand the captain refused to comply with; and a conflict between him and the agents on the one side, and the trades unions, representing maritime interests on the other, was the result; the struggle was watched with the keenest interest, and for a long time there was a doubt as to which party would win. At one stage the captain tried to compromise the matter by promising to get rid of the Chinese when he returned to San Francisco, but the proposal was rejected by the union. The captain's difficulty was to get coal, because the coal lumpers had resolved that they would not discharge a ton into the ship, and would, if possible, prevent others from doing so. A few days before the advertised date for sailing, fresh engineers were engaged in place of those who had struck; but the coal was still unobtainable. At last, when it seemed that the agents must give in, Mr. Mitchell, one of the members for Newtown, placed a shipload at the disposal of the captain; and by means of this timely help, the Zealandia was got away in triumph. When she returned to Sydney, however, it was found that she had parted with the Chinese, and filled their places with white men.

The Newcastle wharf labourers' strike, which took place in October, was a more serious affair than the strike on board the Zealandia. The men struck to obtain an increase of 3d. an hour in their wages. The masters opposed the demand because the rates in Sydney were the same that they were then paying their labourers. After the men had been out on strike for some time, the coal-trimmers also struck, out of sympathy with their brethren, and to enable them to get the additional wages. Then the employees belonging to a local wool-dumping firm followed the example of the coal-trimmers; and Messrs. Howard Smith and Sons' men threatened to take a similar course. The shipowners now realised that the time had arrived for them to take action, and the Steamshipowners' Association of Melbourne and Adelaide suggested a policy of reprisals. This suggestion alarmed the labour organisations, who then for the first time discovered that the Newcastle coal-trimmers had acted without proper authority, and they were ordered to return to their employment. They obeyed, and not long afterwards the wharf-labourers also went back to their duties on the old terms.

Last month the cooks and stewards on the Ly-ee-Moon struck because of the dismissal, without any explanation being given, of the chief steward. Here, again, the union was not consulted previous to the strike. A fresh staff was therefore put on the steamer by the union on the day after the strike, and she was thus enabled to proceed on her voyage to Brisbane. The case of the steward who had been dismissed was, at the request of one of the unions, investigated by the directors, and his dismissal confirmed. Subsequently he brought an action against the captain for wrongful dismissal, but the case was decided against him.

In October a congress, consisting of representatives from all the trades unions in Australia, was held in Sydney. The congress discussed such questions as Chinese and coolie immigration, federation of trades unions, the better inspection of mines, free-trade and protection, &c.

The Narrabeen powder works were opened by his Excellency Lord Augustus Loftus, on the 20th of June. The works were established by private enterprise; but shortly after the opening they were purchased by a company that was formed for the purpose. Up to the present the company have not manufactured any powder for sale. In consequence of the increasing demand for coal, several new mines were opened during the year. Three of these are situated in the Newcastle district, one at Katoomba, and a couple at Wollongong. Coal was also discovered on the Illawarra line, at a distance of less than 20 miles from Sydney, and arrangements are now being made to work it.

The most notable event in connection with mining has been the discovery of silver in several parts of the colony. Splendid lodes were found at Silverton on the south-western border. Ore was also found and smelting operations were begun at Sunny Corner, and the result caused great excitement throughout the country. Large blocks of the precious metal were exhibited in a shop window in George-street, Sydney. Inflamed by the sight, and by the reports which came from the mine, speculators took up blocks of land adjoining Sunny Corner, formed companies, and proceeded to mine for silver. One or two of the properties proved barren of the metal, and one of the companies that was floated with a large capital has already been wound up. There is not much doubt, however, that ere long silver-mining will become one of the most flourishing and most remunerative of our industries.

Diamond-mining is being firmly established, and the yield of gems is slowly increasing. No large diamond has yet been discovered, but there is reason to believe that this will be obtained in due time. During the year copper has fallen in price nearly £10 a ton, and it is now not much more than half the price it was three years ago. Naturally, the depression in the market has had a stagnating effect upon the industry. But with the revival of trade in England improved prices for the metal may be looked for.

ECCLESIASTICAL AND EDUCATIONAL.

Archbishop Moran left Sydney in June for Rome, and shortly after his arrival in that city he was raised to the dignity of the Cardinalate. He returned to the colony in November, and on the 15th of that month he presided at a plenary council of his church, the first ever held in Australia. The object of the council was to arrange for the erection of new sees; to provide for greater unity of action in ecclesiastical government; and to devise measures for more completely separating Catholic children from the public schools. On the 19th of November, the Cardinal laid the foundation-stone of a seminary at Manly, which is to cost £60,000, and will cover 60,000 square feet of ground.

Amongst matters of interest that were discussed at the Church of England Synod, there was one that attracted more than ordinary attention. It was a proposal to establish in the diocese an order of deaconesses, and one of sisterhoods. The former part of the proposal was carried; but the latter was vehemently opposed. A section of the clergy and the laity regarded it as showing a tendency towards Popery. For the sake of peace, the motion, much to the regret of the Bishop, was not pressed.

The new buildings for the Young Men's Christian Association were completed and occupied several months ago. The whole cost, including the site, was £38,581, and towards the payment of this sum about £14,000 has been raised.

The vacancy in the professorial staff of the University caused by the death of Dr. Badham has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Walter Scott, a scholar of distinguished attainments. Professor Scott has made a favourable impression, and is maintaining the interest in classical studies which was created by his distinguished predecessor.

The vacancy in the Senate caused by the death of Sir George Wigram Allen was filled by the election of Sir James Martin. Dr. Barry was a candidate, but when the Chief Justice's candidature was announced he retired.

Taken as a whole, the University Examinations this year were not so satisfactory as it was hoped they would be. One-third of the juniors who went up failed; and of those who passed only a small proportion obtained high marks. Nearly all the seniors who went up were successful, and a few of them did themselves and their tutors great credit.

The Hon. William Macleay has given a large sum of money, the interest of which is to be awarded for a term of years to the student who distinguishes himself most in original research in the domain of natural history. Mr. Macleay has also presented a valuable building at Elizabeth Bay for the use of the Linnean Society.

CASUALTIES.

On January the 26th the community were horrified by the news that a dreadful railway accident had occurred near Cootamundra on the previous evening. An unprecedented downpour of rain had taken place in the locality, ten inches having fallen in less than 48 hours. A great flood was the result, and this washed away two large railway culverts and a considerable portion of the line. The damage was not known by the stationmaster at Cootamundra soon enough to enable him to give a warning to the mail train, which was due at about 8 o'clock, and accordingly it rushed to its destruction. The driver saw the gap made by the flood when the engine was a short distance off, but all he could do was to shut off the steam and apply the breaks. The speed was only slightly slackened, and therefore the crash when the train leaped into the chasm was terrific. Seven persons were killed and 19 wounded. In July, one of the passengers, who had been injured, brought an action against the Commissioner for compensation, but the jury refused to give him a verdict, their opinion being that the Government were in no way responsible for the calamity.

The steamer Cahors, which had recently been brought from England by the A. S. N. Company, and which was one of the fastest vessels in the colonies, was wrecked on a reef near the mouth of the Clarence River on the 10th of June. The steamer was run on to the reef in the twilight, when objects on the shore were still distinctly

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visible. Several efforts have been made to get the steamer off the reef, but all these have failed.

AMUSEMENTS.

Boat-racing and cricket have been prominent features of the year's amusements. In February Hanlan and Clifford rowed a race on the Parramatta River, when the former, as everybody expected, obtained an easy victory. On the 30th of March Hanlan and Beach contested for the championship of the world. Beach had beaten Hanlan on the first occasion on which they met in a race; but there was a doubt in many minds as to whether he had defeated his opponent on his merits; and a number of people were of opinion that in the race on the 30th of March, Hanlan would recover his lost laurels. That expectation, however, was not realised, for Beach took the lead from the start, and won with great ease. Matterson, of the Clarence, having challenged Beach to row for the championship, the match came off on the 18th instant, when the latter was again victorious.

The principal cricket events were the two matches played in Sydney between the All England Eleven and an eleven of Australia. The local cricketers were victors in the first match by six runs, and in the second by eight wickets. In February the New South Wales cricketers beat the Victorians by three wickets. On the 26th instant a match was played in Sydney between two teams representing the Junior Cricket Associations of this colony and Victoria. After an interesting contest, which lasted two days, the visitors won by 81 runs. The first of the usual intercolonial yearly matches, between picked elevens of New South Wales and Victoria, was finished in Melbourne yesterday; the game resulted in favour of the Victorians by an innings and 69 runs.

Theatricals have been more than ordinarily interesting. Miss Genevieve Ward, who made a successful tour of the colonies, played a series of farewell performances in the Opera House; and Dion Boucicault, the well-known actor and playwright, and his son and daughter, had a profitable season at the Theatre Royal. Mr. Boucicault's representations of Irish character gave great pleasure to the crowds who went every night to witness them, and his acting was certainly the best of the kind that has been seen in Sydney for many years.

The foundation-stone of a building to be designated Her Majesty's Theatre was laid on the 27th of January. The structure is now far advanced. It is well situated, is both handsome and imposing, and will be the largest place of amusement of its kind in Australia.

OBITUARY.

The death-roll for the year contains the names of several influential citizens. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Bathurst, Dr. Quinn, passed away on January 16. In the following month Mr. J. F. Hargrave, an ex-judge of the Supreme Court, died. On the 25th of June Mr. W. A. Duncan, who for a number of years was Collector of Customs, who had filled at different times several important public offices, and was a gentleman of considerable intellectual culture, went over to the majority. Sir George Wigram Allen, late Speaker of the Assembly, a native of the colony, and who had always taken a prominent part in its general affairs, died in July; and another influential citizen, Professor Smith, who had filled a chair at the University almost from the beginning of its history, who had taken a leading part in establishing and extending our system of primary education, and who was for years an active member of the Legislative Council, passed away in October.

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JUST OPENED.

PLAIN CASHMERE, WOVEN, Excellent Model.	Sale price, 7s 6d.	Navy, Grenat, Bordeaux.
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Prettily Embroidered, Self Colours.	Sale price, 13s 9d.	Choice Colours.
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CLOSE to the RAILWAY STATION.

THE PALACE EMPORIUM, HAYMARKET, will remain CLOSED on TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1886.

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FOR SALE, ¼-mile Water FRONTAGE, 10 acres. Figtree Inn, Lane Cove.

WE HAVE NOW STARTED ON A LARGE SCALE.

OUR GENTLEMEN'S and BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

Never before in Sydney has there been such a LARGE, LIGHT, AIRY DEPARTMENT opened out.

You can really see what you are buying here.

And the New Building is as light as day.

Say good-bye to the days of dark shops, and deal of HORDERN BROTHERS' New Establishment in PITT-STREET.

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THOUSANDS of GENTLEMEN'S and BOYS' STRAW HATS ON VIEW and FOR SALE in our NEW BUILDING in PITT-STREET.

Every price, from 1s 6d to 10s 6d.

Recollect our STRAW HATS in PITT-STREET.

HORDERN BROTHERS',
211, PITT-STREET.

WE WISH ALL OUR CUSTOMERS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR, and desire also to HEARTILY THANK THEM for their patronage during 1885.

We are glad that they have shown their APPRECIATION and APPROVAL of our CLOSING EARLY on SATURDAY, viz., at 2 p.m., and in our NEW BUILDING will endeavour to PLEASE THEM more than ever.

HORDERN BROTHERS,
205, 207, 209, 211,
PITT-STREET.

RESIDENTS in the COUNTRY who are now on a VISIT to SYDNEY, are INVITED to give us a LOOK IN before they return home. We will serve you well.

HORDERN BROTHERS,
211, PITT-STREET,
Near the General Post Office.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
We shall CLOSE at 6 p.m., THIS EVENING (New Year's Eve).
Kindly purchase all you want before then for New Year's Day.

Yours very faithfully,
HORDERN BROTHERS,
205, 207, 209, 211, PITT-STREET.

SUITS to Order. Style in cut and material, 63s. Howes and Sons, 133, King-street.

SUITS to Order. New Worsted Checks, 75s. Howes and Sons, 133, King-street.

SUITS to Order. Navy and Staff Serges, best quality, 75s. Howes and Sons, 133, King-street.

SUITS to Order. All the newest shades in Tweeds and Coatings. Howes and Sons, 133, King-street.

SUPERIOR Worsted, Stripe, Check, and Mixture Trouserings, 16s 6d, 18s 6d, and 20s. Howes and Sons.

Houses and Land for Sale.

BALMAIN.—Terrace 8 new Brick COTTAGES, short distance from ferry; well built, in elevated position, commanding extensive views, lane at rear; £2250, £1500 can remain. CHAPMAN and LAMB, 127, King-street. (146.)

CITY.—Comfortable COTTAGE, near Devonshire-st., capital position, verandah, 4 rooms, kitchen, bathrooms, shed; title, leasehold; about 80 years to run; £300, terms. Chapman and Lamb, 127, King-street. (144.)

DARLINGHURST.—A valuable Building Site, fronting Craigend-ter. Chapman and Lamb, 127, King-st. (226.)

DARLINGTON.—Golden Grove Estate, 2 Allotments, op. Council-cham. Chapman and Lamb, 127, King-st. (220.)

GLENFIELD, Hoskins' Estate.—About 25 acres of this magnificent estate. Chapman and Lamb. (225.)

HURSTVILLE.—Two Allotments, Hurstville Park Estate, 160 x 154, in good elevated position, commanding extensive views; Torrens' title, cheap. (218.)
CHAPMAN and LAMB, 127, King-street.

MARRICKVILLE.—In a capital position, Gentleman's RESIDENCE, verandahs and balconies, 7 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, laundry, dairy, &c., with stabling and coachhouse, about an acre land, garden, fruit trees, &c. Chapman and Lamb.

MARRICKVILLE.—ALLOTMENTS. Warren Estate, each 50 x 134, cheap. Chapman and Lamb. (162.)

NARELLAN.—Comfortable COTTAGE, verandah all round, hall, 5 rooms, pantry, kitchen, underground tank, stabling, &c.; land, 10 acres; price £550, terms; capital chance to secure a really desirable country home in grand healthy district, only few hours rail from Sydney. Chapman and Lamb, 127, King-street.

NEWTOWN.—A Commodious COTTAGE, built of brick, slate roof, verandahs, hall, 7 rooms, pantry, bathroom, kitchen, washhouse (fitted), marble mantels, tiled hearth, stable, land 57 x 166 about. Torrens'. Price, £1300; terms. For any one looking for a good house this is a chance.
CHAPMAN and LAMB, 127, King-street. (147.)

PETERSHAM.—First-class BAKERY, with Shop, Store, and Dwelling-house, substantially built and well designed, large yard; price, £2000.
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STANMORE.—A capital Block. 150 x 99, fronting Cavendish-st., best locality. Chapman and Lamb, King-st.

SUMMER HILL.—A capital Block, 55 x 218, elevated position. CHAPMAN and LAMB, 127, King-street. (216).

STANMORE HEIGHTS.—Grand elevated Villa SITE, commanding extensive water and landscape views, area 102 x 132, the pick of this favourite suburb, few minutes from station. CHAPMAN and LAMB, 127, King-street. (211.)

STANMORE.—A Villa RESIDENCE, close to tram, containing drawing, dining, and 5 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, laundry, &c., good yard, elevated position, £1200. Chapman and Lamb, 127, King-street.

SUMMER HILL.—A pretty well-built COTTAGE, 5 minutes from station, overlooking park, front and side verandahs, hall, 4 rooms, pantry, washhouse; a really well-finished desirable property; £450. Chapman and Lamb. (145.)

TEMPE HEIGHTS.—A nice COTTAGE, containing hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, &c. LAND, 57·6 x 196 feet, with garden and fruit trees; Torrens'. Price very low. (123.)
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WENTWORTH FALLS.

A SACRIFICE, the owner having left the colony, a 4-roomed Furnished COTTAGE; 3-roomed Cottage, partly furnished, acre of land, &c.; the whole for £290, to secure immediate sale.
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CITY.—Block of PROPERTY, Dixon-street, off Hay-street, £2400. Waverley—Allotments, Mill Hill-road and Denison streets. Woollahra—Grand Allotments, Edgecliffe-road, overlooking harbour. Manly—Pine Lots, Manly Vale Estate, from 8s per foot. CAMPBELL, MITCHELL, and CO., The City Property Exchange, 413, George-street, next Lassetter's.

MANLY.—For SALE, 2 Lots, each 40 x 110, fronting George-st., 5 min. from pier; £7 foot. R. Evans, Manly.

FOR SALE, or to LET, DOONGALLA, George-street, Marrickville, a charming Villa Residence, containing wide hall 60 feet long, drawing-room 30 x 14, dining-room 26 x 14, seven bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, storeroom, clothes cupboards, servant's room, laundry, outhouses, &c.; wide verandah front and sides, gas, city water laid on to house and grounds, and ample tank supply. The grounds comprise an acre and a half, and are tastefully laid out as flower garden, lawn, orchard, and paddock; the paths and yard are asphalted, and the frontage of 166 feet is enclosed with a substantial stone wall and prettily-designed pillars, with iron railing and gates.
For terms, &c., apply to
J. J. WOOD, Hudson Brothers, Redfern;
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Pitt-street.

STANMORE.—Persons in search of a home combining every convenience, with grand views and first-class surroundings, should inspect a Gothic VILLA we have for SALE, situated in the Stanmore-road, two minutes' walk from station, opposite Newington College. It is built of brick on solid stone foundations, and contains drawing, dining, 4 bedrooms, dressing-room, bath, servant's room, kitchen, and washhouse; gas in every room, with handsome fittings; marble mantle and fenders, tiled hearths, water laid on to kitchen sink, copper, and tubs; drainage and ventilation perfect. It is richly and tastefully finished, and its situation and surroundings make it one of the most desirable properties in the market. Easy terms can be arranged for the purchase-money. Open for inspection New Year's Day and Saturday. For further particulars apply to
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Architects,
112, Pitt-street,
opposite Post-office.

WAVERLEY.—For Private SALE, a charming Cottage RESIDENCE, with every possible convenience; unsurpassed ocean views which cannot be outbuilt, minute's walk from tram. Apply by letter to Box 379, G. P. O.

MANLY.—For SALE, 100 x 140, fronting Wood-st.; splendid view harbour; £10 10s foot. R. Evans.

WEST BOTANY, near Saywells Tram and Lady Robinson's Beach.—12-acre block of LAND for SALE. Apply V. Braunbeck, builder, Kogarah.

MANLY.—For SALE, 2 Lots, close to Hon. Dalley's mansion; each 50 x 17; only £3 15s foot. Evans.

MANLY.—LAND for SALE in all parts. H. Townsend Robey, Corso, Manly, and 80, Pitt-street.

HURSTVILLE GROVE, 217 feet above sea level. Watkin and Watkin sell To-Morrow. New Year's Day.

ST. JAMES', GLEBE, WAVERLEY.—Only a few ALLOTMENTS remain unsold.
Prices and particulars from
HARDIE and GORMAN, 133, Pitt-street.

MANLY.—For SALE, pretty Nook, fronting the harbour, 55 x 140; only £15 foot. R. Evans.

GRANGE FARMS.

SCHOFIELD'S STATION, WINDSOR LINE.

ORCHARD BLOCKS.

VINEYARD BLOCKS.

HOMESTEAD BLOCKS.

TOWNSHIP ALLOTMENTS.

AUCTION SALE, JANUARY 9, 1886.

WAIT FOR THE GREAT SALE OF 763 ACRES ORCHARD AND VINEYARD BLOCKS.

FACILITIES FOR INSPECTION.
Mr. EDWARD SIMPSON will meet the morning train at Schofield's Platform every Wednesday and Saturday;
and
Mr. H. J. WEST will meet all trains daily at Riverstone, with Conveyance, to enable visitors to inspect GRANGE FARMS.

See auction advertisement as to the liberal terms on which this GRAND SUBDIVISION WILL BE SOLD, and apply for a lithograph to
WILLIAM JARRETT,
171, York-street.

MANLY.—For SALE, 3 Lots, each 50 x 160; grand views; only £2 10s foot; easy terms. R. Evans, Manly.

ERINA TOWNSHIP,

GOSFORD.

CONTINUATION AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND, NEW YEAR'S DAY and SATURDAY, January 2.

In consequence of the immense crowd and the lateness of the hour, the auction on Boxing Day, after sale of the first £1960 worth of allotments, had to be adjourned, and as a very large number of applicants had to be refused tickets, the auctioneers have decided to continue the sale as above, viz.:—
NEW YEAR'S DAY
and also
SATURDAY, January 2.

Two favourite steamers—the Albatros and Petrel—have been chartered, and will convey intending purchasers on to the ground.

To keep party select a charge of 5s will be made for tickets, and the amount refunded to buyers.

TICKETS ONLY ISSUED TO ADULTS.

THERE WILL BE NO OVERCROWDING.

The Government have granted £1000 for the removal of the half-tide rocks, so that this charming spot will soon be available for large steamers.

To prevent disappointment early application should be made for tickets and plans.

Office open till 7 o'clock THIS EVENING.

BOYD and KING,
Auctioneers,
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PROPERTY LIST IN A FEW DAYS.

MANLY.—Buyers of Land conveyed gratis by buggy to inspect before purchasing by Evans.

MANLY, NORTH.

Gentlemen in search of large BLOCKS can obtain from 1 acre upwards, at £175 an acre; splendid situation, rich soil, ocean views; easy terms.
HUNTLEY and BARNARD,
Property Exchange, 161, Pitt-street.

MANLY.—For SALE, W.B. 4-roomed Cottage, Thornton's Hill; price £275; £50 down; balance rent. Evans.

ONLY £5 per LOT deposit, balance extending over 10 years, with liberal assistance to build, the repayments of which are only equal to rent until the property becomes your own.
ALLOTMENTS in Carlton Estate, facing Kogarah Railway Line and Webber's-road, from 34s per foot.
Also a few LOTS in Kempsey Township upon same terms, from 20s per foot
THE MERCANTILE BUILDING, LAND, and INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED,
City-chambers, 243, Pitt-street
EDWIN J. C. BRYANT, Manager.

MANLY.—For SALE, 2 of the Finest Blocks on the Queenscliff Estate; cheap. R. Evans.

COTTAGE, brick on stone foundations, containing wide hall, front and dining rooms (connected with folding-doors), three large bedrooms, gas in every room, beautiful chandeliers, kitchen with stove, tiled hearths and verandah, bath with shower, pantry, and scullery with copper and wash tubs complete, pretty garden in front, carriage entrance, and perfect drainage. In fact, a more complete property cannot be found in the district, situated in a most select locality. Torrens' title; price, only £700; easy terms; owner leaving for Europe. R. TODD, Parramatta-road, Leichhardt.

MANLY.—For SALE, Lease of 40 Acres under cultivation, 4 years to run; good house; low rent. Evans.

ROOTY HILL.—For SALE or LET, 21 Acres LAND, fenced, next Mr. Burdekin's, M.P.; good for orchard or poultry farming, W.B. house, tanks, creek, cheap. Geo. Adams, R. Hill.

FOR SALE, ¼-mile Water FRONTAGE, 10 acres. Figtree Inn, Lane Cove.

MANLY.—Buy LAND in Our Village; it is rising rapidly. Call and see R. Evans, agent.

THE FAIRFIELD LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, Limited.

Capital, £10,000, in £1 shares, 1s Calls.

AN ABSOLUTELY SAFE INVESTMENT.

See Prospectus, with Plan and Views of the Company's Land, and the Government Returns of the Goods and Passenger Traffic.

3000 Shares taken up the First Week. The Share List will Close positively This Month.

C. J. FACHE,
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MANLY.—For Sale, nearly 2 Acres, fenced, and creek running through it; £475; suit poultry farm. Evans.

FOR SALE, 130 Acres of LAND, situated 1½ mile from Campbelltown railway station; it is the pick of the district, and cannot be equalled for subdividing into homesteads, as there is plenty of freestone, good timber and water, and the main road passes through the land, and it adjoins the Common; price, £4000. Apply W. DUNN, Punch Bowl-road, Druitt Town.

FOR SALE (a grand opportunity of securing one of the best PROPERTIES in the County of Cumberland; consists of splendid brickyard, with main road and river boundary, with houses, stables, garden, and every convenience for carrying on a large and profitable business; price £7500. Apply W. DUNN, Punch Bowl-road, Druitt Town.

MANLY.—For SALE, 4 W.B. COTTAGES, each containing 4 rooms, fenced in, and always let to good tenants at 12s per week each; price £1100.
E. EVANS, Manly.

THE GOSFORD TOWN LOTS.

These splendid Business SITES are directly opposite the Railway Station, and can be bought on 2, 3, and 4 years, terms, by payment of one instalment from 15s. The line will open in 3 months time, when the present value will be doubled or trebled. You can pick any unsold lot, and pay the deposit to my agent Mr. Crawford on the ground. The title is Torrens, and immediate if desired.
C. J. FACHE, Montague-chambers,
corner of Elizabeth and Hunter streets.

MANLY.—For SALE, near the Spit, Middle Harbour, Corner Lot, 99 x 150; price £100 lot. Evans.

BRICK COTTAGE, Auburn, on Hill near Station, every convenience. A bargain. Stubbs and Co., O'Connell-st.

LEICHHARDT (close to tram).—For SALE, pretty COTTAGES, 3 rooms, hall, front garden, large yard, back entrance and city water; price, £220, only £30 deposit, balance 12s per week; title, Torrens. Also, similar COTTAGES at Balmain, same price and terms. BLUNSUM, GRAY, and CO., Montague-chambers, corner of Hunter and Elizabeth streets.

TEMPE.—For SALE, pretty detached COTTAGE, 6 rooms, &c., close to station, £550; only £30 deposit, balance as rent; or to LET, rent 18s.
BLUNSUM, GRAY, and CO.,
Montague-chambers,
Corner Hunter and Elizabeth streets.

MANLY.—For SALE, 17½ Acres, with Cottage, at Pittwater, with water frontage; price £700. R. Evans.

COMBINE business with pleasure, and attend Watkin and Watkin's Land Sale, Hurstville, TO-MORROW, of the Hurstville Grove Estate. Vendors, the City and County Investment, Land, and Building Company, Limited. F. W. Middleton, Managing Director.

LAND for SALE, Carrington-street, Summer Hill. Jones, Avery House, Cleveland-street, Redfern.

THE cheapest LAND offering in the market, Newtown. Allotments, 20 x 110, Torrens' title, and only 40 yards from tram and 'bus, and five minutes' of train—fancy, £3 10s per foot, on the easy terms of only £5 per lot deposit, balance in 18 monthly payments. Secure plans at once from George Thirgood and Co., 194, King-street, Newtown.

NEWTOWN.—For SALE, two 6-roomed HOUSES, washhouses and coppers, and gas; would take part in land; two minutes from station. Apply to S. Savage, Gladstone-street, Newtown.

NORTH SHORE.—LAND for SALE. R. Harnett, 310, George-street.

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OPENING OF ILLAWARRA LINE to SUTHERLAND.

HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE.

A SALE OF 99 YEARS' LEASES will be held shortly.

The date of sale will be announced in a few days.

NEXT SATURDAY.

BEACONSFIELD ESTATE.

TO BE SOLD by PRIVATE CONTRACT on the Ground.

By BERTRAM SMITH, Agent for the Estate.

This beautiful Estate is on the proposed Loop line, St. Peter's to Liverpool, and is most liberally subdivided into QUARTER-ACRE BLOCKS, fronting 66-feet streets and wide roads.

TORRENS' TITLE.

EASY TERMS.

£2 PER LOT DEPOSIT, £2.

Balance in 36 equal monthly payments.

THE BEACONSFIELD ESTATE has an IMMENSE FRONTAGE to the MAIN GEORGE'S RIVER-ROAD.

FREE CONVEYANCES WILL LEAVE THE AGENT'S OFFICE, 89, KING-STREET, corner of King and George streets, at 2 o'clock NEXT SATURDAY.

VENDORS:—
THE BELMORE LAND COMPANY, Limited,
WATT and DODDS, Managers,
131, Pitt-street.

LAND CLEARED and STUMPED.

TORRENS' TITLE.

EASY TERMS.

OBTAIN TICKET.

CALL OR SEND FOR LITHOS.

Full particulars of the Managers, or BERTRAM SMITH, LAND AND ESTATE AGENT. Exchange Chambers, 89, King-street, Sydney.

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CHEAP ORCHARD PROPERTY.

10 minutes' walk from Guildford Station, and only 20 minutes' drive from Granville.

ABOUT 20 ACRES.

TORRENS' TITLE.

EXCELLENT SOIL.

6 Acres of which are planted with young orange, peach, and apple trees, and about 4500 grape vines, most of which are loaded with fruit. The balance of land has all been cleared and stumped, and ready for cultivation, and on it is erected W.B. Cottage, 4 rooms, kitchen, stables, and fowyard, fenced with wire. The property being for immediate sale, the lowest reserve is given, viz., £1750; easy terms can be arranged if desired.

This is a first-class chance to secure a cheap and good-paying property. Most of the trees and vines are loaded with fruit, and possession can be given at once.

Inspect at once, as the Property MUST BE SOLD.

OATLEY and CAHILL,
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and
Next Town Hall, Parramatta.

MANLY.—For SALE, 12 Lots, each 22 feet frontage; only £15 each; £1 deposit, 3s week. Evans.

FOUR-ACRE FARMS FOR £60.

BERKSHIRE PARK, RIVERSTONE.

28 MILES FROM SYDNEY.

Free Passes to inspect.
DEPOSIT, £5 (five pounds); BALANCE, £2 (two pounds per month.

NO INTEREST.

Immediate possession given. Bonus, £200.

Further particulars from
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For the convenience of parties who are engaged in business during the day, the Office will be kept open between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS.

MANLY.—For SALE, grand elevated Corner Lot, Addison-road and Stuart-street; £15 foot. R. Evans.

AT THE JUNCTION OF THE NORTH SYDNEY AND MOWBRAY ROADS, NORTH SHORE, is a Grand Block of Land known as WILLIAMS' PADDOCK, upon which many a covetous eye has been set, the know-alls saying, "It will never be sold." "He has received dozens of offers," and so on. Seeing the Surveyors at work ELECTRIFIED THE INHABITANTS OF NORTH WILLOUGHBY into a Public Meeting to protest, and to urge the Government to purchase for a Recreation Reserve THIS BEAUTIFUL PLOT SO LONG USED AS THE VILLAGE GREEN. The proprietor, however, knowing the great difficulty in obtaining high-class Villa Residence Sites within easy distance of the city, has determined that it shall be SOLD IN ALLOTMENTS on EASY TERMS by MILLS and PILE, on the Ground, ON SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

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A SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE, situate in Orange-street, near Hooper's Gardens, contains 10 rooms, all conveniences; land 45 x 145, fenced, with stables, coachhouse, loft, man's room, &c. Torrens' title. Terms, half cash, balance at 2 years. PRICE, £1400.
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LADY ROBINSON'S BEACH,
via Saywell's Tramway.
GRAND WATER FRONTAGES.

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SATURDAY, January 9th.
See Large Advertisment.

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HOTEL, city; 9 years' lease; rent, £16 monthly; ingoing, £2000; half cash. Apply Caulfield, O'Brien and Co.

LEADING City HOTEL, grand stand, immense business, £3500, part cash. Caulfield, O'Brien, and Co.

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NEWS AGENCY, £325; Billiard-room, £225; Produce Store, £200. Particulars, Caulfield, O'Brien, and Co.

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Various BUSINESSES, all prices.

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SLEDGE and CO. offer Hotel, Crown-street, Surry Hills, 10 years' lease; rent, £3; £1000. (856.)

SLEDGE and CO. offer Hotel, Darlinghurst, first-class position, large trade, £750. (262.)

SLEDGE and CO. offer Hotel, Newtown, 10 years' lease; price, £1450. (371.)

SLEDGE and CO. offer Hotel, Darlinghurst, in first-class order, £800. (369.)

SLEDGE and CO. offer first-class Family Hotel, Elizabeth-street; good accommodation, £3500.

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GARLAND and BROOKS.—Hotels, Balmain, Chippendale, Newtown, Ultimo, and Woolloo, £600 and upwards.

GARLAND and BROOKS.—Hotel, £1050, city stand, 5 years' lease, large premises, guaranteed trade. (365).

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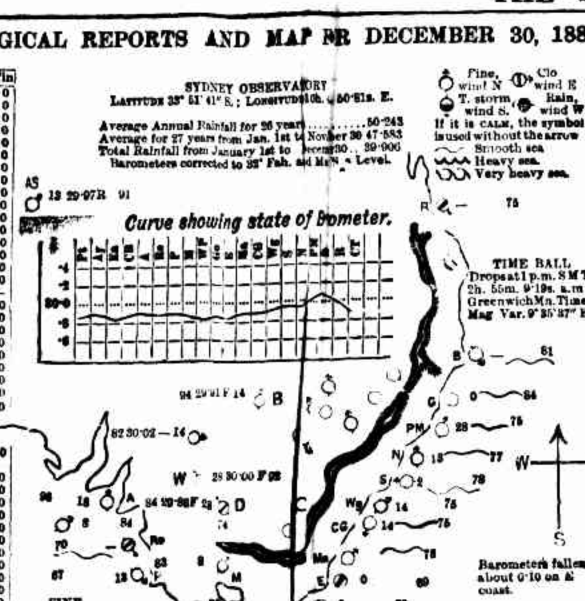
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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS AND MAP FOR DECEMBER 30, 1885.

Stations	wth	Mx	Mn	R'in
Albury	b	99	52	0
Armidale	b	87	79	0
Balranald	c	111	64	0
Bathurst	b	92	59	0
Bend'm'r	b	89	56	0
Bodalla	o	81	51	0
Bourke	b	109	77	0
C'nd'n H.	b	80	67	0
C. St. Geo.	b	86	64	0
Carcoar	h	88	61	0
Casino	b	88	55	0
Cassilis	b	90	71	0
Clarence	c	68	45	0
C'nd'b'lin	b	81	56	0
Cooma	c	95	52	0
Coonab'n	c	98	61	0
C'nam ble	b	—	—	—
Cowra	b	98	63	0
Deniliq'n	g	108	88	0
Dubbo	b	100	60	0
Eden	c	71	61	0
Euston	b	108	58	0
Forbes	b	96	62	0
Gl'n Inn's	b	95	57	0
Goulburn	b	95	57	0
Grafton	b	90	64	0
Gulgong	b	85	67	0
Gunned'h	-	—	—	-
Hay	b	104	71	0
Hill End	b	—	—	0
Inverell	b	—	65	0
Kiandra	b	78	40	0
Lismore	c	89	63	0
Maitland	b	99	66	0
Marsdens	b	97	71	0
Menindie	b	95	74	0
Molong	b	86	56	0
Moree	b	94	69	0
Moruya	c	80	63	0
Moss Vale	-	—	—	—
Mt. Hope	b	98	68	0
M. Vict'ria	b	90	68	0
Mudgee	b	98	64	0
M'rr'mb'h	-	—	—	—
M'rr'r'ndi	b	89	69	0
Mus'lbr'k	b	—	—	0
Narrabri	c	10[illegible]	72	0
Newcastle	b	[illegible]	61	0
Nowra	b	[illegible]	66	0
Orange	b	[illegible]	58	0
Picton	b	[illegible]	71	0
P. M'q'rie	b	78	63	0
P. St'ph'ns	b	87	64	0
Q'nbeyan	b	88	61	0
Quirindi	c	93	65	0
Singleton	h	93	66	0
Sydney	b	90	65	0
Tamw'rth	b	94	63	0
Taralga	b	88	[illegible]	0
Taree	b	91	65	0
T'nt'rfield	b	84	[illegible]	0
Wagga	b	92	59	0
Walcha	b	84	[illegible]	0
Walgett	b	104	71	0
W'ntw'rth	b	103	65	0
Wilcannia	h	—	—	0
W'l'ng'ng	b	84	66	0
Young	b	99	58	0

SYDNEY OBSERVATORY
LATITUDE 33° 51' 41" S.; LONGITUDE 10h. 4m. 50·81s. E.

Average Annual Rainfall for 26 years ....50·243
Average for 27 years from Jan. 1st to November 30 47·583
Total Rainfall from January 1st to December 30... 29·906
Barometers corrected to 32° Fah. and M.S. Level.



NOTES EXPLANATORY OF MAP.

In the list of stations the column headed W. gives the state of the weather at 9 a.m., b standing for blue sky; c, detached clouds; d, drizzling rain; f, fog; g, gloomy; h, hazy; m, misty; n, frosty; o, overcast; p, passing showers; r, rain; s, snow; t, thunder; u, threatening. The next column, M'x gives maximum temperature for previous 24 hours. M'n the corresponding minimum temperature; r'n, the rain for the previous 24 hours. The symbols used in the map are explained on the margin. At each coast station the wind symbol is placed like a vane pointing to the direction from which the wind is coming. A clear circle with it means fine weather; a circle with bar, cloudy weather, and a black spot, raining. Near this symbol are placed figures denoting the number of miles the wind is moving per hour, next, a symbol showing the state of the sea, and, lastly, figures denoting shade temperature at 9 a.m. The barometer curve shows the state of barometers on the coast from Perth to Cooktown:—Pt, Perth, Ay, Albany, Ea, Eucla, CB Casarda, A, Adelaide, Re, Robe, P, Portland; M, Melbourne, W P, Wilson's Promontory, Gabo; E, Eden; Ma, Moruya; C G Jervis Bay, Wg, Wollongong, S, Sydney, N, Newcastle, P M Port Macquarie; C, Clarence River, B, Brisbane; R Rockhampton, Cooktown. Inland the state of barometer is given in figures at Albury, Deniliquin, Wentworth, Menindie, Bourke, and Alice Springs. The barometer curve enables at a glance to trace the depressions, beginning with Western Australia and going along eastwards; northerly winds preceding them, and southerly following.

Western Australia.—Fine and clear generally, with light variable winds and smooth sea. No rain.

South Australia reports weather generally hot—fine inland; scattered clouds on and near coast; dull north of Tennant's Creek. Prevailing winds N.E. to N. and fresh smooth sea and steady barometers reported from coast stations. Dull in Northern Territory; heavy rains in night. Rainfall—Port Darwin, 1·15; Daly Waters, 1·31; Alice Springs, 0.20.

Victoria.—Generally fine, but cloudy; smooth sea, steady barometers, and light variable wind on coast. Light S.W. wind at Echuca; northerly at Omeo; sultry on coast; rough sea at Otway. No rain.

Tasmania.—Fine, but cloudy on north coast, with light W.N.W. wind.

New Zealand.—Russell, barometer 30·20, wind, calm; Wellington, barometer 30·10, wind, N.; Bluff, barometer 29·90, wind, N.W. Fine generally.

New South Wales.—Fine and clear, with falling barometers throughout; calm and sultry inland; smooth sea, and light N. winds on coast. No rain.

Queensland.—Generally fine; wind S.E.; light rain falling at Townsville, with rough sea. Rainfall: Cooktown, 0·35; Townsville, 0.23.

3 P.M. OBSERVATIONS.

Victoria.—Melbourne, S., 13, dull, temperature 75°; Cape Otway, S.S.E., dooms, smooth sea, temperature 66°; Portland, S.E., 18, 1, smooth sea, temperature 65°; Wilson's Promontory, W., 23, 1dy, smooth sea, temperature 71°; Lake Entrance, calm, sul, smooth sea, temperature 80°.

New South Wales.—Albury, N.E., dul., hot, temperature 88°; Cape St. George, S.S.W., 28, fine, temperature 78°; Deniliquin, S., 42, fine, temperature 94°; Dubbo, W.S.W., fine, temperature 87°; Eden, E., 14, fine, smooth sea, temperature 73°; Goulburn, W., 14, temperature 80°; Moruya, N.E., 28, fine, moderate sea, temperature 76°; Newcastle, N.E., fine, moderate sea, temperature 79°; Port Macquarie, N.W.E., 42, fine, smooth sea, temperature 79°; Sydney, E., 8, fine, smooth sea, temperature 79°; Walgett, dim, fine, hot, temperature 101°.

STATE OF RIVERS.

Murrumbidgee: At Wagga, 2 feet 11 inches above summer level; Balranald, summer level. Murray: At Albury, 2 feet above summer level; at Euston, 3 feet 2 inches above summer level. Darling: At Wentworth, 3 feet above summer level; at Pooncarie, Menindie, low.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 31.

Sun rises at 4.53, sets at 7.12; Moon, 1.23 a.m., 2.19 p.m.; Mercury, 5.35 a.m., 7.33 p.m.; Venus, 8.30 a.m., 9.52 p.m.; Mars, 1 p.m., 10.39 a.m.; Jupiter, 11.35 p.m., 11.45 a.m.; Saturn, 5 p.m., 4.37 a.m. New moon, 6th; full moon, 22nd.

High water at Fort Denison, December 31: 8.35 a.m. and 4.10 p.m.

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As a remedy for Coughs in general, asthma, difficulty of breathing, shortness of breath, tightness and oppression of the chest, wheezing, &c., these Pills stand unrivalled. They speedily remove that sense of oppression and difficulty of breathing which nightly deprive the patient of rest. Let any person give Beecham's Cough Pills a trial, and the most violent cough will in a short time be removed.

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Incorporated 9th April, 1885.

TEMPORARY HEAD OFFICE, 278, PITT-STREET.

Authorised Capital £200,000, divided into 20,000 Shares of £10 each.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £124,960.

COURT OF DIRECTORS: William Hudson, Chairman.

William Harris	Geo. R. Whiting
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SURVEYOR: A. W. Stephen.

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10s per share on application,
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To payment of dividend to shareholders, 25 per cent. per annum ...	£1,828	13	0
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Amount transferred to reserve fund ...	28,000	0	0
Leaving a balance to credit of profit and loss of ...	1,633	14	0
	£32,841	12	1

H. G. SWYNY, Managing Director.

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AT 108, Bathurst-street, G. Institute.—Wanted, finishing Governess, 3 pupils; Governess for a school, music, singing, dancing; for Sutton Forest, one pupil, English, French, good music, singing, dancing; Grong Grong, 3 pupils under 8.

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As this is one of the best situations in the colony, we want none but really first-class hands to apply.

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COMPETENT Dressmaker, with good references, wishes to take charge of room. Address Y. Z., Herald.

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APPLICATIONS will be received up to January 15th, 1886, by the undersigned, for the appointment of Lady Principal of the above-named school. Salary, £250 per annum, without residence. Applications to be accompanied by testimonials.

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LIFE ASSURANCE.—Active Canvassing AGENT of experience required by the Mutual Assurance Society of Victoria; liberal terms. Apply Secretary, 9, Wynyard-street.

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PAINTER.—Wanted, a good Brush Hand; one who can hang paper preferred. Wenban, 116, Oxford-street.

PARTNERSHIP open; young gentleman, in lucrative dental practice; no previous knowledge. Platina, Herald.

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TO BUTCHERS.—Wanted, a young Man as seller and assist in shop; also, big Youth. R. Miller, 165, George-st.

TO BUTCHERS.—Wanted, a good all-round MAN. Apply William Finlayson, Church-street, Parramatta.

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Wanted, active AGENTS, for town and suburbs.

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WANTED, a Junior CLERK, one with previous ... Apply by letter, Box 695, G. P. O.

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WANTED, a YOUTH with experience in entering drapery. W. Gardiner and Co., George-st., after 10 a.m.

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WANTED, a competent TEACHER for banjo. State terms, &c., A. J., care Wallace, news agent, William-st.

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WANTED, MASONS, for dressing Flagging. Apply Quarry above brewery, Waverley.

WANTED, DRESSMAKER; also Machinist. 115, Devonshire-street.

WANTED, CARPENTERS and Joiners, for country, none but good men. R. Kirkham, 304, Cleveland-street.

WANTED, a sober single Man as BAKER, used to small goods. D. Baragry, 169, Cumberland-street.

WANTED, a first-class HORSESHOER, must be good floorman. Fennelly, 126, Bourke-st., Woolloomooloo.

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WANTED, an ENGINE-DRIVER (certificate) for small steam launch. Apply Halliday, 20, Erskine-street.

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WANTED, Resident GOVERNESS for Bowral, three children, Latin, music, &c. Apply to Mrs. Danger, Potts Point, Saturday, before 2.

WANTED, a WHARFINGER, for a large shipping company; must be thoroughly conversant with the coastal trade. Apply, by letter only, to S., Box 241, G. P. O.

WANTED, a working OVERSEER, for the removal of nightsoil, must be a total abstainer; salary, £150; references required. Apply Five Dock Hotel, Five Dock.

WANTED, competent SOAPMAKER, to start business up country; must be young man, sober and steady, with £50. Apply Mr. Davis, Herald Office.

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WANTED, experienced COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER, for Fancy Goods Business; must have good address, be a good salesman, and be well accustomed to the roads. Apply by letter to Box 177, G. P. O.

WANTED, a NEEDLEWOMAN for a gentleman's family; must thoroughly understand dressmaking and needlework in all branches; references will be required, and good wages will be given. Apply by letter to A. N., 144, William-street, care of H. W. Foster, stationer.

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BOOT Traveller seeks RE-ENGAGEMENT, N.S.W. or Queensland. Boot, Herald.

BY English Couple, wife Laundress, housework; man Cook and bake, refs. Simmonds' Reg., Castlereagh-street.

BY Groom and Coachman; garden and milk; good Sydney references. M. R., Herald Office.

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MARRIED Man, good hand with horses; Wife as Caretaker; country preferred; first-class references. Address E. A. Z., Herald Office.

LADIES' Agency.—Ladies in town or country can procure reliable Governesses. Scribo, 247, Liverpool-street.

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PRACTICAL Gardener, single, home and colonial exp., first-class refs.; open one week. Gardener, Double Bay P.O.

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RESPECTABLE, trustworthy young man wants light EMPLOYMENT; low wages. Address Active, Herald.

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WANTED, SITUATION as Clerk, Collector, Storeman, or in any place of trust where sobriety and attention are necessary qualifications; good references. Apply Jas. Finlay, Waverley.

WANTED, by Lady, SITUATION as Housekeeper, or any place of trust, Governess to young children, Companion, or Lady Help; musical; highest references. H. M., Paddington Post Office.

WANTED, by respectable young Man, recently from London, a SITUATION in wine and spirit merchant's, understands the trade in all branches; 13 years' good testimonials. Address H. J. P., 41, Lower George-street.

WANTED, by Man and Wife, SITUATIONS in hotel or restaurant, as manager or barman, wife housekeeper or otherwise; thoroughly understands the business. Open a week. Address H. S., care G. P. O., Sydney.

WANTED, SITUATION, up country (Armidale preferred), as Nursery Governess or Nurse in gentleman's family; wages no object, if good house. Address Lauruda, Herald Office.

Servants Wanted

A COACHPAINTER'S LABOURER wanted. Angus and Son, carriage factory, Sloane-street, Newtown.

A GENERAL Servant wanted, two in family. Apply before 5 o'clock to Mrs. G. R. Cowdery, Wm.-st., Burwood.

A GIRL, about 14, to mind a baby. Palace Hotel, Moore Park.

A GOOD General SERVANT wanted; two in family. Mrs. S. Nott, Talgai, Nicholson-street, Burwood.

A PLAIN COOK and Laundress; references. Palace Hotel, Moore Park.

A RESPECTABLE BOY wanted, useful in a store, and town messages. Apply G. P. O., Box 569.

A RESPECTABLE Girl as BARMAID wanted. Vienna Cafe, 56, William-street.

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AT Craggs', Castlereagh-st., nr. Bathurst-st.—Wanted, M. Couple, man groom and coachman, wife cook. 10 sharp.

A YOUNG Person wanted as General SERVANT. Apply Railton's Stores, Bay-street, Glebe.

A LAD to look after horse and buggy and make himself useful; wages, 10s; good home. Apply 9.30, J. Israel, Oxford-street, opposite Courthouse.

AT the Servants' Home, 83, Market-street.—Wanted, middle-aged Person to take charge of a refreshment-room, £1; Cook, 25s, also Kitchenmaid, in hotel, good place; Housemaid, 15s, station; several General Servants, town and country.

AT 108, Bathurst-st., G. Institute.—Wanted, M. Couple (child walking not objected to); smart Waiter, country hotel (first-class place); Groom and Gardener; useful elderly Man, groom, garden, useful; smart Boy, for office. Call early.

AT 108, Bathurst-st., G. Institute.—Wanted, superior Cook, Woollahra; C. L. and H. P. Maid, 4 family, Manly; Darlinghurst, 2 H. Maids; Kitchenman, for hotel; H. P. Maid and Laundress, Bowral; C. L. and H. P. Maid, Sutton Forest; 2 H. Maids and assist in bar, city; G. Servant, for Bourke, 20s; G. Servant, hotel, country, 15s; 3 Nurses.

A PORTER WANTED.

Apply between 9.30 and 10 this morning.

HORDERN BROTHERS, 176, Pitt-street.

Preference will be given to men who can show a good two years' reference. (No rolling stones.)

BOY wanted, hotel work. New Wharf Hotel, King Sussex streets.

CARTER required; references necessary. Apply Beale and Company, 371a, Pitt-street.

COOK and LAUNDRESS, competent, wanted for small family. Mrs. L. Barnett, 95, Macleay-st., Potts Point.

COOK, female, plain work, wanted. New Wharf Hotel, corner King and Sussex streets.

COOK and LAUNDRESS wanted. Apply 16, Albertoterrace, Darlinghurst-road, top of William-street.

COMPETENT BARMEN and WAITRESSES for Friday and Saturday. Forster's Hotel, nt. Theatre Royal.

COAST HOSPITAL, Little Bay.—Wanted, immediately, NURSES or PROBATIONERS; also a WARDSMAN who should have had some experience and must write well. Apply at the Health Office, Macquarie-street, on Monday next, at 2.30 p.m.

GENERAL SERVANT, also Housemaid wanted; good wages. 56, William-street.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted. Apply to-day, Mrs. Taylor, Aldborough, Louisa-road, Snail's Bay, Balmain.

GIRL wanted, about 17, general housework, small family. Apply Carisbrook, Fairmount-st., Summer Hill.

GOOD COOK, English, in gentleman's family; good references; wages, £1. 255, Liverpool-street.

GENERAL SERVANT required for next Tuesday; two in family. Apply Mr. G. Bishop, surveyor, 130, Pitt-street, between 11 and 3 o'clock. Good wages.

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OMNIBUS DRIVERS.—Required, experienced 'BUS DRIVERS; only sober men of good character who understand the work need apply. Omnibus Company, 66, King-street.

PETERSHAM.—Wanted, General SERVANT, small family, good wages. Mrs. Butler, Boro, Croydon-street.

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REQUIRED, a trustworthy MAID, who wishes to return to England; must be a good sailor and a good needlewoman. Apply Mrs. John Frazer, Quiraing, Woollahra.

SHIRTIRONER wanted, first-class. J. Turner, 99, Gloucester-street.

SUMMERHILL.—Wanted, General Servant or useful Companion; family of two. 154, Devonshire-street, S. H.

WANTED, COOK and LAUNDRESS, young. Apply between 11 and 3, Mrs. Griffiths, Richmond Villa, D'main.

WANTED, a good RUNNER; must be sober; sleep at home. Apply 158, Cumberland-street.

WANTED, good General SERVANT, young person; small family. Mona, Paskivil-street, Bondi.

WANTED, a General SERVANT, in family of two. 5, Campbellville, Nelson-street, Woollahra.

WANTED, General SERVANT, in family of two; highest wages to good party. Apply 85, Pitt-street.

WANTED, middle-aged Woman, as NURSE, 1 child. Mrs. Hobson, Railway-rd., St. Peter's, nr. Marrickville stn.

WANTED, at once, a good General SERVANT. Manono Lodge, Morgan-street, Petersham.

WANTED, a GIRL, to be generally useful. 610, George-street, Brickfield-hill.

WANTED, young GIRL as General Servant. Caxton Hotel, Palmer-street, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, thorough General SERVANT. Mrs. J. B. Watson, Deloraine, Cheltenham-road, Burwood.

WANTED, young MAN for store and generally useful; references. H. and W. Herald Office.

WANTED, Woman COOK and Laundress. Criterion Hotel, King and Kent streets.

WANTED, HOUSEMAID. 179, Macquarie-street.

WANTED, a STEWARD for the ship Gretna, Grafton Wharf.

WANTED, a General SERVANT, no washing. Apply 651, George-street, Haymarket.

WANTED, respectable PERSON, to wash in the neighbourhood; all found. 129, Abercrombie, Camperdown.

WANTED, steady MAN to rent day cab. Fred. Winch, Royal Exhibition Hotel, Devonshire-street.

WANTED, good Bricklayer's LABOURERS. Elliott and Nicholls, Windsor-street, Paddington.

WANTED, a GIRL, 14. Apply Mrs. Pickering, corner Holt and Station streets, Newtown.

WANTED, a useful GIRL, for general housework. Apply 44, Morehead-street, Redfern.

WANTED, a DRAYMAN. Apply wharfinger, Struth's Wharf, King-street.

WANTED, a handy, intelligent BOY. Apply wharfinger, Struth's Wharf, King-street.

WANTED, a Man as Plain COOK, for country; written discharge; Protestant. 35, Clarence-street.

WANTED, a YOUNG MAN, to be useful. Town Hall Coffee Palace, 521, George-street.

WANTED, smart, first-class Chief COOK. Payne's Luncheon Rooms, 518, George-street. Open to-days.

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WANTED, a steady Cabman, rent a cab and horse. Mrs. Marquardt, 13, Victoria-ter., Moore's-rd., Miller's Pt.

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WANTED, young MAN, to assist in bar. Sun-two-Necks, George and Park streets.

WANTED, a COOK, male or female. Temora Hotel, Bathurst-street.

WANTED, a BOOTS; also Waitress. Spain's Barley Mow Hotel.

WANTED, General SERVANT. Womerah-avenue, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, smart WAITER. Apply early, Railway Pier Hotel, Darling Harbour.

WANTED, a Man COOK; good references. Gladstone Hotel, Miller's Point.

WANTED, respectable RUNNER, for first-class boarding establishment, no loafer. T. U. O., Herald.

WANTED, a good General SERVANT, wages 15s per week. Apply 11, Pitt-street, Redfern.

WANTED, CARTERS, for taking old asphalt off footpath. 224, Riley-street.

WANTED, two smart Restaurant WAITERS. Apply Post Office Restaurant, Barrack-street.

WANTED, smart active BOY, to assist in stable. Edgar House, 5, Bligh-street.

WANTED, a BOY to make himself generally useful. 153, Macquarie-street North.

WANTED, respectable Girl as General SERVANT. Apply Boomerang Hotel, Market-street West.

WANTED, a General SERVANT. Flagstaff Hotel, Princes-street.

WANTED smart little girl as NURSE. Mrs Johnson, Sydney and Melbourne Hotel, George-street North.

WANTED, KITCHENMAN at once. Apply L. S. N. Coffee Palace, 71, King-street, Sydney.

WANTED, General SERVANT, small family. Mrs. Jones, Kimosa, New Canterbury-road, Petersham.

WANTED, a General SERVANT, also a NURSE-GIRL. Mrs. S. MacDonnell, M'Mahon's Pt., N. Shore.

WANTED, a steady, honest YOUNG MAN to Drive Cab. Apply J. Hulme, Liverpool-road, Ashfield.

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WANTED, a General SERVANT. Apply Ormond House, Begg-street, Paddington.

WANTED, thorough General SERVANT. Apply between hours 10 and 2, 64, Paddington-street, Paddington.

WANTED, a smart, tidy GIRL, to mind baby. Mrs. Walton, Dysart, Clapham Rise, North Shore.

WANTED, good General SERVANT. Mrs. Stevens, corner of North and Allen streets, Leichhardt.

WANTED, a good General SERVANT. Apply to Mrs. Thomas Morgan, Bay-street, Double Bay.

WANTED for Randwick, steady sober MAN, to garden and milk. Metropolitan Hotel, King-street.

WANTED, a thoroughly good COOK and Laundress. Apply to Mrs. Shannon, 77, Macleay-street.

WANTED, a RUNNER; sober. 166, Cumberland-street.

WANTED, a LAD, to milk and take out. Hill, Wyndham, Buckland-street, Alexandria, Waterloo.

WANTED, General SERVANT and WAITER. 50, Kent-street North. Dussane's Restaurant.

WANTED, a respectable little GIRL, comfortable home. Apply 20, Edward-street, Pyrmont.

WANTED, a good General SERVANT. Braidwood Hotel, Surry Hills, off Elizabeth-street.

WANTED, a respectable COOK. Apply early, 674, George-street.

WANTED, a young and smart General SERVANT. Allen's Hotel, King-street.

WANTED, a children's MAID and Needlewoman; good refs req. Apply after 9 a.m., No. 1, O'Connell-st.

WANTED, a respectable little GIRL, assist light housework. Mrs. Bradley, Abercrombie-st., Golden Grove.

WANTED, smart useful BOY, to deliver meat. Apply 244, Harris-street, Ultimo, opposite the Ice Works.

WANTED, Plasterer's LABOURER. Apply Kesley, North Annandale Hotel. Long job.

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WANTED, competent NURSEMAID, references. Mrs. Brodzak, 119, Liankelly-terrace, Macleay-street.

WANTED, young Person as NURSE, one child. 94, Victoria-street North, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, a CHARWOMAN. 132, William-street, corner Bourke-street.

WANTED, a strong active YOUTH to be useful. G. A. Everett, 438, Harris-street, Ultimo.

WANTED, Laundress to take Gentlemen's Washing home; references acquired. Plunkett's Hotel.

WANTED, young Person as General SERVANT; 4 in family; no washing. 100, Macquarie-street South.

WANTED, a young MAN, for shop and useful. T. Slamine, butcher, Quarry-street, Ultimo.

WANTED, good Shirt IRONERS, constant work. Mrs. Simpson, 5, Albert-st., Underwood-st., Paddington.

WANTED, a good General Servant; no washing. Pike's Oxford Wine and Spirit Vaults, Oxford-street.

WANTED, a BOY, for the Brass Foundry. Watson and Crane, 334, Pitt-street.

WANTED, WAITER; also Waitress, Chief and Second Cooks. Evening Star Dining Rooms, Pitt-street.

WANTED, respectable GIRL, for light housework. Apply after 10 a.m., 118, Bathurst-street.

WANTED, Chief and Third COOK, Housemaid, at once. Arcade Dining Rooms, 621, George-st., Haymarket.

WANTED, 6 LABOURERS, used to timber. A. Burns, Baltic Wharf.

WANTED, a respectable Girl, as General SERVANT, 3 in family. 116, Quarry-street, Ultimo.

WANTED, a MAN, to drive tipcart; must know the town. Back of 111, Cooper-street, Surry Hills.

WANTED, smart Chief COOK, used to restaurant; sober; good wages; city north. 289, George-street.

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WANTED, a good General SERVANT. Apply 250, Elizabeth-street.

WANTED, a smart young Man as Third COOK. Gilham's Dining Rooms, 152, Pitt-street.

WANTED, respectable Girl, General Servant, assist in business; refs. Thomas Cripps and Co., 178, Pitt-street.

WANTED, a young GIRL, housework and assist in bar. 207, George-street North.

WANTED, a Vegetable COOK. J. Pattison, 166, Pitt-street.

WANTED, COOK and Laundress, small family; references. Apply 135, Elizabeth-street, Hyde Park.

WANTED, a respectable LAD to milk and be generally useful. 92, High Holborn-street, Surry Hills.

WANTED, a young Woman as HOUSEMAID. Apply after 9, Mrs. A. M'Neill, 414, Bourke-street.

WANTED, smart active Boy as MESSENGER. 237, William-street.

WANTED, good General SERVANT. 58, William-street.

WANTED, a smart WAITRESS, also Mid-day Waiter. Apply New Variety Dining Room, 377, Pitt-st.

WANTED, steady MAN, garden, groom, milk. Apply with references, F. Abigail, 550, George-street.

WANTED, a General SERVANT; small family; wage 12s. F. Kitt and Co., opposite Petersham station.

WANTED, a good, active BOY, for Kitchenwork. Apply New Zealand Restaurant, 23, ...-street, opposite Union Steamship Company.

WANTED, competent HOUSE and PARLOUR MAID; two in family; Protestant. Apply, between 10 and 1, to Mrs. J. C. Ellis, Marly, 122, Victoria-street.

WANTED, young Woman as good Plain COOK for Camden. Mrs. Dangar, Potts Point, before 2 to-day or Saturday.

WANTED, a handy MAN to do a few days' work at Mr. M'Donald's late residence, John-street, Peacock's Point, Balmain. Apply 9 a.m., to-day.

WANTED, thoroughly experienced GROOM and Coachman, single. Apply with references, Laurelville, Elizabeth Bay, after 5 o'clock.

WANTED, Married MAN, as Coachman; must have good references. Apply to Mr. E. Terry, at Hawkes' Stables, on Friday, at 11 o'clock a.m.

WANTED, a steady sober MAN, to drive a horse and cart. Mr. M'Donald, working at O'Brien's, butchers, Glebe Island.

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WANTED, a strong YOUTH; must be accustomed to china, glass, and earthenware trade. Myers and Solomon, 536, George-street.

WANTED, a young GROOM, for stallion, and otherwise useful; wages, 15s; must have experience and references. Hecfrey and Co., 35, Castlereagh-street.

WANTED, a CARTER, must be good driver and know town and suburbs well. Apply, with references, Hardman Bros., Biscuit Factory, Newtown.

WANTED, an elderly single MAN, for Parramatta; must understand cows and horses, and able to drive. Apply to the Caretaker, at Royal Arcade.

WANTED, a young Girl as LAUNDRESS, 3 in family, and to assist a little in the house, references required. Apply personally between 11 and 1 o'clock, at Midhurst, Woollahra.

WANTED, 2 Surveyor's Men; young Man, as cook, for young gents. camp.; 2 Bullock Drivers; Kitchenman; Cook, for hotel; useful Boy; Married Couple man as cook, wife laundress. Glue's Agency, 44, Hunter-street.

WANTED, good General SERVANT, no washing, Protestant preferred, good wages. Apply with references to Mrs. F. Abigail, Johnston-street, North Annandale. Tram fare paid.

WANTED, Chinese BOY to look after horse and buggy, and make himself generally useful in the house; also, General SERVANT. Apply Mr. Goode, stationer, New Canterbury-road, Petersham.

WANTED, a Bread-carter, 15s, country; Man Cook, 25s; a Milkman, £1; a Groom and useful, £1, hotel suburb; a Man for poultry farm, 15s; a Lad for dairy, 10s and keep; Chinaman Gardener, 17s 6d; a Married Couple (wife Laundress and Housemaid, man Cook, bake, kill own sheep), £80. Simmonds' Registry, 222, Castlereagh-street.

WANTED, Cook (female), 25s, and 2 H. and P. Maids, 15s, for town; a Housemaid, 14s, Mossvale; a H. and P., 15s, station; a Laundress, 16s, hotel, Newcastle; a H. and P., 15s, hotel, Grafton; a General Servant, 15s; also Housemaid, 14s, same hotel, Duke; a C. and L., £1; also L. and P., 15s, station; a General Servant, two in family, £1, Gunnedah; a General Servant, two in family, 15s, Ashfield; 9 young General Servants, &c. 11 o'clock, Simmonds' Reg., 222, Castlereagh-st.

YOUNG Girl, General SERVANT, plain cooking, two family, references. Early, 55, Windsor-st., Paddington.

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TIMBER, TIMBER.—Best Northern Hardwood, all sizes, and cut to order; Pitch Pine, Oregon, Baltic, Kauri, Colonial Pine and Hardwood Floorings, Pine of all descriptions, Doors, Sashes, Mouldings, Architraves, and Skirting, Galvanised Iron and Cement, all brands, at
J. J. LIVINGSTONE'S Petersham Sawmills,
and
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BALTIC Dressed Flooring and Lining now landing ex Chas. Bal, direct from Frederickstadt.
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NOTICE TO ARCHITECTS, BUILDERS, and CONTRACTORS, &c.
THE ONLY GENUINE N.Z. KAURI TIMBER YARD in SYDNEY is
G. F. MASON'S, PATENT SLIP WHARF,
Sussex-street,
who has always on hand a large stock of seasoned Timber, T. and G. Flooring, 1 and 1 T. and G. and B., Rusticate W. Boards, Architraves, Skirtings, Mouldings, Shelving, Door, &c., Kin Boat Board, Deck and Ship Planks (all sizes), dressed and rough, 1in. to 6in. up to 27in. wide, Flitches 8 x 8 to 24 x 20.
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30,000 feet T. and G. Flooring
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Orders received for trade lots or by the cargo at reduced rates.
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PUBLIC NOTICE.—We supply Asphalted floors (Val de Travers), Concrete Foundations, Cubes, Dampcourse, Drainage, Gravel, Blue Metal, Screenings, Sanitary Improvements, Tar Pavements, Tennis Courts, Wood Pavements, &c. References to principal Government Departments, architects, gentry, &c. Rock Pavement Co., steam stone-breaking works, Darling Harbour. Office, 172, Pitt-street, next Hordern's.

MANTELPIECES, &c.—General Workers in Marble, Slate, and Stone. Patten Bros., 302, Pitt-street.

SLATE Treads, Borderings, Landings, Hearths, &c., very cheap. Patten Bros., marble and slate works, 32, Pitt-st.

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GRAND WATER FRONTAGES.
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2 Locomotives
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To be seen at Wilga, Great Western Railway. Deliverable in Sydney if required.
Apply to
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FOR SALE, vertical BOILER, £75; two 5-horse power, £35 and £40; 1 4-horse power, £35; 2 2-horse 5-wheel ploughs; 1 woolpress, £35. Kent Stores. 410, Kent-st.

ON SALE AT LOWEST MARKET RATES.
Green's Vertical Engines and Boilers, 2 to 10 h.p.
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Shaping Machine, 10-inch stroke
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The Agents, F. T. WIMBLE and CO., 87, Clarence-street, have stocks on hand.

COPPER Stills, Condensers, Jacketed Pans, Hot-water Apparatus. Coppersmith, Brassfounder, Plumber. Licensed for water and gas. W. Robison, 67, Sussex-street, three doors from Erskine-street.

WANTED, good second-hand Iron SOAP-FRAMES and CANDLE-MACHINES; state lowest price. Apply by letter to Mr. W. Houston, 65, York-street, Sydney.

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Aucion Sales.

ANDREW TOWN'S ANNUAL SALE.
HOBARTVILLE RICHMOND, N.S.W.
ANDREW TOWN'S ANNUAL SALE will be held at HOBARTVILLE, RICHMOND, N.S.W., on THURSDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1886.
NOTE.—A Special TRAIN will leave Redfern Railway Station on the morning of the Sale, at 7.30 a.m., calling at Parramatta. Tickets for which, Catalogues of Stock, and all information required, can be obtained from the undersigned.
P. CLIBBORN, Agent.
163, King-street.

HORSES, VEHICLES, and HARNESS.
GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, all lots not specially advertised; and at 12 o'clock, all lots specially advertised.
Regular sales at the Bazaar daily, and at Camperdown any afternoon.
Livery: In this department charges moderate and best of forage.

FRESH COUNTRY MARE.
GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 12 o'clock,
Brown mare, broken to saddle and harness, young and good. No reserve.

TO OMNIBUS PROPRIETORS and Others.
At risk of former Purchaser, F. SOL, Oxford-street, Balmain.
GEORGE KISS has received instructions from Wm. Sweeney, Esq., Parramatta, to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 2 o'clock,
An omnibus to carry 19 persons, in good working order. To be sold without reserve.

T. R. SMITH and T. COSGROVE, under instructions from J. M'Gill, Esq., Albion Park, will sell at the Bazaar, at 12 o'clock, THIS DAY, 31st December,
Grey filly, 4 years old, full sister to the renowned Santa Cruz
Grey colt, 5 years, by Greyskin out of a Cossack mare
Bay filly by Captivator
Bay filly by Lord of Lynne, out of Sandcock's dam
Brown colt by Yattendon, out of one of Hon. E. K. Cox's best mares
NO RESERVE.

T. R. SMITH and T. COSGROVE, under instructions from James Johnstone, Esq., will sell by auction, THIS DAY, 31st December, at 12 o'clock,
Pair well-matched buggy or carriage horses, about 16 hands
2 new American waggonettes (one with hood), 24 new saddles and bridles, 6 sets springcart harness
NO RESERVE.

T. R. SMITH and T. COSGROVE, under instructions from John Brown, Esq., Emu Plains, will sell at Bazaar, at 12 o'clock, THIS DAY, 31st December,
Pair well-bred match bay carriage horses, D. S. Abbott buggy, and set silver-mounted double harness.

T. R. SMITH and T. COSGROVE, under instructions from Mr. W. Whitfield, will sell, at Bazaar, at 12 o'clock THIS DAY,
hawker's hooded waggonette, fitted up with showcases, suitable for traveller or dealer going to the country; perfectly water-tight, runs light, and is faithfully built.

T. R. SMITH and T. COSGROVE, under instructions from owners will sell, at Bazaar, at 12 o'clock, THIS DAY,
Chestnut gelding, dogcart, and harness; horse subject to any trial.
Horse, springcart, and harness; owner retiring from business.

WILLIAM INGLIS and CO.'S HORSE BAZAAR, PITT and CASTLEREAGH STREETS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and CO. will hold their regular Sale of Horses, Vehicles, &c., at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, commencing at 11 o'clock sharp, when the following will be offered:—
Draught, van, 'bus, cab, and all descriptions of light harness horses and hackneys.
Also,
Buggies, vans, springcarts, tipdrays, harness, saddles, &c.
N.B.—Sales held at the Bazaar daily, and at Camperdown any afternoon, as per arrangement.

HEAVY DRAUGHT, VAN, LIGHT HARNESS, and SADDLE HORSES.
For SALE, at WILLIAM INGLIS and CO.'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.
WILLIAM INGLIS and CO. have received instructions from various owners to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,
2 superior heavy draught mares and geldings, staunch in collar, and subject to trial
1 active cart and van horses, with trials
3 useful saddle and harness horses.

HEAVY DRAUGHT GELDINGS.
For SALE by AUCTION, at the BAZAAR, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, at 12 o'clock.
WILLIAM INGLIS and CO. have received instructions from THOMAS LAW, Esq., West Maitland, to sell by auction, at their BAZAAR, THIS DAY, December 31, at 12 o'clock,
3 magnificent heavy draught geldings, from the Hunter, and which can be guaranteed as thoroughly staunch, and subject to trial.

MAITLAND HORSES.
60 HEAD SUPERIOR SADDLE and HARNESS HORSES, and HEAVY DRAUGHT COLTS and FILLIES, to be sold at the Camperdown Yards, on THURSDAY, the 7th day of January, 1886, at 2 o'clock.
WILLIAM INGLIS and CO. have received instructions from Messrs. Buffier and Stephenson to sell by auction at the Camperdown Yards, on THURSDAY, January 7th, at 2 o'clock,
60 head of superior horses, consisting of—
20 heavy draught colts and fillies, bred by Mr. Dight, of Gunnadi; amongst the lot are some broken to harness and subject to trial
20 superior van and 'bus horses, unbroken
20 first-class saddle and harness horses; amongst this lot are a few well-bred hacks.
The above are a very fine lot of horses, and in splendid condition.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
TO BREEDERS, FARMERS, SHIPPERS, AND OTHERS.
MR. J. E. ONUS' ANNUAL SALE of DRAUGHT ENTIRE COLTS and FILLIES, from his CELEBRATED RICHMOND STUD, will be held at WILLIAM INGLIS and CO.'S HORSE BAZAAR, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1886.
Full Particulars in Future Advertisements.
WILLIAM INGLIS and CO., Auctioneers.

BROWN BROS. and CO.'S CITY HORSE and CATTLE BAZAAR, CASTLEREAGH-STREET.
BROWN BROS. and CO. beg to intimate to their constituents and others that they have now completed the erection of their new Bazaar premises in Castlereagh-street, which affords superior accommodation for ONE HUNDRED and TWENTY head of Horses and Cattle, with the advantage of an extensive SHOW RIDE, which, from its having a double entrance, enables them to display carriage pairs and other horses in harness at time of sale.
Spacious Loose Boxes for Thoroughbred Stock, Stallions, &c. The best of Fodder and attendance, at lowest rates.
AUCTION SALES DAILY, at the BAZAAR, 10.30 A.M.; and at CAMPERDOWN any AFTERNOON.
N.B.—Parties entrusting us with the selection of horses suitable to their requirements, may rely upon their orders being faithfully carried out.

BROWN BROS. AND CO.'S CITY HORSE AND CATTLE BAZAAR.
DAILY AUCTION SALE of HORSES AND VEHICLES.
BROWN BROS. and CO. will sell by auction at their CITY HORSE and CATTLE BAZAAR, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m.,
7 HEAVY DRAUGHT HORSES, GOOD COLLARED ONES, SUBJECT TO SAND TRIAL
10 MEDIUM DITTO DITTO, ditto ditto ditto, SUBJECT TO DRUITT-STREET TRIAL
20 SADDLE and HARNESS HORSES, several buggies and other vehicles.

SPECIAL SALE OF VEHICLES.
BROWN BROS. and CO. will hold a special sale of vehicles at their City Horse and Cattle Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 a.m.,
Comprising—
BUGGIES, SOCIABLES, WAGGONETTES, &c., &c.

HANDSOME SOCIABLE HORSE.
BROWN BROS. and CO. have received instructions from M. Forrest, Esq., to sell by auction, at their City Horse and Cattle Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m.,
A very handsome bay gelding, thoroughly broken to harness, would suit a sociable.

HEAVY DRAUGHT MARE.
BROWN BROS. and CO. have received instructions from Mr. Hall to sell by auction, at their City Horse and Cattle Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m.,
A heavy draught Clydesdale mare, subject to any trial in harness, a staunch and reliable worker, highly recommended.

STYLISH PAIR DAPPLED GREY MARES.
BROWN BROS. and CO. have received instructions from the owner, to sell by auction, at their City Horse and Cattle Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m.,
A very handsome and stylish pair of dappled grey mares, 5 years old, and about 15 hands high (bred by Mr. Dangar, Hunter River), both thoroughly broken to saddle, and would make a most perfect pair of buggy or phaeton horses.

SCOTCH COLLIE DOGS.
BROWN BROS. and CO. will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m., on account of A. P. STEWART, Esq.,
5 Pure SCOTCH COLLIE PUPS, from imported stock on both sides. Pedigrees at sale.
Also, on another account,
An English pointer slut, 12 months old, direct from imported stock.

IMPORTANT SALE of Mr. J. VOICE'S CELEBRATED HERD of PURE ALDERNEY CATTLE, at Westfield, Brunswick, Victoria, January 5, 1886.
BROWN BROS. and CO. have been favoured with instructions from JOHN VOICE, Esq., of Westfield, Brunswick, Victoria, to sell by auction, in conjunction with DOUGHARTY, SON, and PARKER, of Melbourne, on 5th JANUARY NEXT, at Westfield, Brunswick, near Melbourne.
The whole of his far-famed ALDERNEY HERD of CATTLE, comprising 75 FEMALES and 10 MALES, admitted by competent judges as equal to anything of their breed ever yet placed to public competition in the Southern Hemisphere.
Mr. Voice's name as a breeder of pure Alderney Cattle requires no comment, having taken first and leading prizes at the principal show-rings in VICTORIA and New South Wales.
Westfield is close to Brunswick Railway Station, whence conveyances will run to and fro on the day of sale, for the convenience of intending purchasers.

To STUDMASTERS, HEADS of FAMILIES, and OTHERS.
PURE AYRSHIRE CATTLE.
Ex HAUROTO, Just Landed.
BROWN BROS. and CO. have received instructions from Mr. K. B. FERGUSSON, DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND, to sell by auction, at their City Horse and Cattle Bazaar, in a few days hence,
20 head of pure Ayrshire cattle, comprising 4 pure Ayrshire bulls, and 16 pure Ayrshire cows in full milk and coming to the calving, equal to anything yet landed in this market.

METROPOLITAN STOCK SALE YARDS, HOMEBUSH.
BROWN BROS. and CO. will sell by auction, at Metropolitan Fat Stock Sale Yards, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
70 prime fat and weighty bullocks, account of Aarons
25 prime fat bullocks, account T. Baker.

BUTCHERS' FAT STOCK SALE.
NEW YEAR'S MORNING, on the Wharves.
BROWN BROS. and CO. will sell on the Steam Company's Wharves, TO-MORROW (New Year's Morning), at 9 o'clock,
Any stock that may come forward.

DRANSFIELD BROS. will sell by auction, at Homebush, THIS DAY, the 31st, at 11 o'clock,
50 prime fat cattle, Messrs. Warmoll and Green, Nyngan
20 prime fat cattle, George Rouse, Esq., Biraganbil
10 prime fat cattle, Arthur Dempsey, Esq., Cootamundra
1200 prime fat sheep, Thomas Walters, Esq., Yass
700 prime fat sheep, Hon. R. H. Roberts, Currawang
500 prime fat sheep, Arthur Dempsey, Esq., Cootamundra
120 prime fat sheep, A. G. D. Huthwaite, Esq., Wollogorang
220 prime fat sheep, Southern Agents, Goulburn
230 prime fat sheep and lambs, J. B. Bourke, Esq., Bungendore.

HURSTVILLE GROVE, 211 feet above sea level. Watkin and Watkin sell To-Morrow, New Year's Day.

ALL Fresh, Bright, Beautiful NEW YEAR CARDS at FULLER'S To-day, 385 and 387, George-street.

BRUNKER and WOLFE have received instructions to sell by auction, at Homebush, THIS DAY, the 31st inst., at 12 o'clock,
80 prime fat cattle (D. Morrice, Esq.)

TRADE NOTICE.
GEORGE MAIDEN (for R. Goldsbrough and Co., Limited), will sell by auction, at Homebush, 31st DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock,
120 prime fat bullocks, for A. Battye, Esq., Lachlan
30 ditto ditto ditto, for T. Fitzpatrick, Esq., Carcoar
500 ditto ditto wethers, Barber, Esq., Yass
500 ditto ditto ditto, T. Davis, Yass
200 ditto ditto ewes, Messrs. Grant and Son, Colombo Creek.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, will sell by public auction, at their Sale Yards, Homebush, THIS DAY, 31st December, at 11 o'clock,
60 prime fat cattle, M'Kenzie Brothers
300 prime fat sheep, M'Kenzie Brothers
300 prime fat sheep, R. and R. Glasson.

OATS. OATS. OATS.
Ex Clifton.
HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, will sell by public auction, at 11.30 sharp, on the Market Wharf,
2000 bags extra good bright feed oats, in lots to suit purchasers.
Terms, cash.

BUTCHERS' GREEN SHEEPSKINS.
HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, will sell by public auction, at their Elizabeth-street Stores, THIS DAY, Thursday, the 31st December, at half-past 11 sharp,
Butchers' green sheepskins.
TERMS, CASH.

TRADE NOTICE.
HILL, CLARK, and CO. have received instructions to sell, at Homebush, THIS DAY, 31st December,
50 prime fat cattle for Mr. M. Morgan, Terrabella
50 ditto ditto Mr. J. K. Mackay, Dungog
45 ditto ditto Messrs. Morgan and Watkins
40 ditto ditto Mr. Geo. Palmer
40 ditto ditto Western agents
20 ditto ditto Mr. M. T. Kelly
800 ditto sheep for Messrs. Cobb and Co., Hereford.

WOOL AND SHEEPSKINS.
HILL, CLARK, and CO. will sell by auction, at the Chamber of Commerce, THIS DAY, Thursday, at a quarter past 2 o'clock,
Sheepskins and odd lots of wool.

J. H. GEDDES and CO. will sell by public auction, at their Warehouse, Circular Quay, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 a.m.,
Sheepskins.

WHEAT. BRAN.
MORT and CO., Limited, will sell by public auction, at their Grain Warehouse, Darling Harbour, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
Bags above.
Terms, cash.

FAT CATTLE AND SHEEP.
HOMEBUSH,
THIS DAY,
At 11 o'clock.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY have received instructions to sell by public auction, as above—
145 prime bullocks, account A. A. Company, Warrah
100 ditto ditto, account Messrs. Campbell and Brigstocke (in conjunction with Ryan, Hammond, and Donkin)
20 ditto ditto, account Queanbeyan Agents.
20 ditto ditto, account Southern Agents
4000 ditto sheep, account A. A. Company, Warrah
3000 ditto ditto, account Mr. D. Capel, Gorian
800 ditto ditto, account Mr. M. Drummond
800 ditto ditto, account Mr. J. C. Henderson
200 ditto ditto, account Southern Agents
500 ditto ditto, account Messrs. J. S. Edmondson and Co.
200 ditto ditto, account Mr. J. Loughnan
400 ditto ditto, account Mr. J. Shepherd
500 ditto ditto, account Mr. A. Dempsey
100 ditto ditto, account Mr. C. J. West.

FAT CATTLE.
RYAN, HAMMOND, and DONKIN (in conjunction with Pitt, Son, and Badgery) will sell by auction, at the Homebush Yards, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,
100 prime fat cattle, for Messrs. Campbell and Brigstocke.

TRADE NOTICE.
WILKINSON and LAVENDER will sell at the Municipal Yards, Homebush, THIS DAY, 31st inst., at usual hours,
50 prime fat cattle, for Messrs. Warmoll and Green, per rail
33 prime fat cattle, for J. Sumner, Esq., per rail
10 prime fat cattle, for Messrs. Rudd Bros., per rail
500 prime fat sheep, for W. B. Brown, Esq., per rail
300 prime fat sheep, for T. W. Hammond, Esq., per rail, and
200 prime fat sheep, for Messrs. Mackay and Copland, per rail.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.
INGLIS'S SALE YARDS, 827, GEORGE-STREET.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Stock Sale Yards, 827, George-street, THIS DAY (Thursday), December 31, at 11 o'clock,
45 very superior milch cows, in full milk.
At 3 o'clock,
15 prime paddock-fed fat cattle.

HOMEBUSH CORPORATION STOCK SALE YARDS.
TRADE NOTICE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Homebush Yards, THIS DAY, Thursday, December 31, on account of Henry Dunn, Esq., Kilmorey.
1000 extra prime and weighty fat sheep
30 prime fat cattle.

METROPOLITAN MEAT MARKET.—H. M'NAMARA will sell at 11.30, Beef and mutton.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.
SEAFORTH PROCTER will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at his Mart, 727, George-street South, at 11 o'clock,
Turkeys, geese, fowls, ducks, pigeons
Roll and keg butter, cheese, bacon, hams
60 cases superior hen and duck eggs
Honey, wax, hair, hides, skins, wool, and sundries.

CORN-FED PORKERS and PRODUCE.
ELLIS and CO. will by auction, at their Yards, 791, George-street South, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,
Fat calves, lambs, pigs, &c.
50 prime corn-fed porkers, from Harden.
At 12 o'clock,
Roll and keg butter, cheese, bacon, eggs, honey, lard, fruit, and a large quantity of poultry of all kinds.

SALVAGE GOODS OF A FIRE.
ELLIS and CO. have received instructions from the Scottish Union National Insurance Company to sell by auction, on the premises, Enemark's hay and corn store, Queen-street and Waverley-road, Woollahra, at 10 o'clock sharp, THIS DAY,
The salvage goods of the late fire, consisting of maize, oats, wheat, hay, straw, and sundries.
Terms, cash.

THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock.
Opera Glasses, Revolvers, Books, Plated Ware
Gold Brooches, Alberts, Hunting Lever Watches, &c.
H. L. DUNN and SON will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 274, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, the unredeemed pledges pawned with Mr. A. Graff, of 57, Stanley-street, Woolloomooloo, consisting of sundries, at 10 o'clock; jewellery at 3 p.m.

THIS DAY, Thursday, at 10 o'clock.
On the premises, 21, Collins-street, off Crown-street, Surry Hills.
Austrian Furniture, Carpet, Oilcloth, Loo, Dining, and other Tables, Chiffonnieres, Safes, Single and Double Half-tester Bedsteads and Bedding, Chests Drawers, Washstands and Sets, Dresser, Crockery, and Sundries.
H. L. DUNN and SON have received instructions from Mr. Luttor to sell by auction, on the above premises, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 10 o'clock,
Furniture.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 o'clock.
SALE BY AUCTION of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, Bed and Table Linen, Clothing, &c.
ALEXANDER MOORE and CO. have received instructions from Mr. H. Wallace to sell by auction, at his residence, 440, Castlereagh-street, opposite the Exhibition Building,
The whole of the furniture and effects, bed and table linen, &c.
Terms, cash. No reserve.

BUILDING MATERIALS.
SPECIAL SALE on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1885.
BUILDING MATERIALS of 2 Shops, known as Nos. 270 and 272, SUSSEX-STREET, and 2 Cottages, known as Nos. 10 and 11, FOWLER'S-LANE.
COHEN and MACKENZIE have received instructions to sell by public auction, on the above premises, THIS DAY, December 31, 1885, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above building materials.
TERMS AT SALE.

MONDAY, 4th January, at 11 o'clock.
TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.
BUILDING MATERIALS of 3 BRICK COTTAGES, with IRON ROOFS, situate Nos. 63, 65, and 67, Campbell-street.
WM. CRANE, Jun., has received instructions to sell by auction, on the above premises,
Bricks, galvanised iron, &c., &c.
Terms cash.

TUESDAY NEXT, 5th JANUARY, at 11 o'clock, on the premises, Emlyn, Nicholson-street, BURWOOD.
PIANO (upright grand), by Broadwood
Sitting-room Furniture
Bedroom Furniture
Kitchen Utensils
Ornaments, Glassware
Crockery, &c., &c.
HUGH DUFF has received instructions from F. Frank, Esq., to sell by public auction, on the premises, as above, on TUESDAY, January 5th, 1886, at 11 o'clock,
Household Furniture and Effects, as above.
Open for inspection any hour morning of sale.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.—Try FULLER and CO.'S splendid Stock, good and cheap. 385-7, George-street.

HURSTVILLE GROVE, 217 feet above sea level. Watkin and Watkin sell To-Morrow. New Year's Day.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.
At 144, Palmer-street, Woolloomooloo.
Drawing-room Suite, Centre Table, Dining Table
Carpets, Curtains, Washstands, Safes, Glasses
Crockery, Glassware, Cutlery, Cruet, Clock
Bedsteads, Bedding, Kitchen and Cooking Utensils.
R. J. HUGHES and CO. have been instructed to sell by auction, on the premises,
The above. Terms cash.

CLEARING OUT AUCTION SALE.
THURSDAY, at 11 o'clock.
On the Premises, Pitt-street, now occupied by Mr. John Robertson, coach-builder.
The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, consisting of
Bedsteads, Bedding, Chests of Drawers, Piano, Tables, Chairs, Washstands, Mirrors, Carpets, Chairs, &c., &c.
Also, the Balance of his STOCK-IN-TRADE, consisting of Buggies, Springcarts, Ironmongery, &c., &c.
R. TODD has been favoured with instructions from Mr. John Robertson, coach-builder, Pitt-street, Sydney, to sell by public auction on the Premises, THIS DAY, December 31, at 11 o'clock, as above.
No Reserve. Terms Cash.

AT THE WAREHOUSE, 606, GEORGE-STREET.
THIS DAY, 31st DECEMBER, at 11 a.m.
EXTENSIVE CLEARANCE SALE BY AUCTION.
Under instructions from Mr. JOHN LAWLER, in consequence of pulling down the premises, prior to erection of new buildings.
OPEN AND BULK STOCK, consisting of
HIGH-CLASS Enamelled Black and BRASS BEDSTEADS
SUPERIOR MAKE of NICKEL and ENAMELLED DITTO
IRON BEDSTEADS and COTS in great variety
WOVEN WIRE SPRING MATTRESSES, PALLIASSES, and every description of BEDDING
Washstands, Toilet Tables, Chests of Drawers
Large-sized SINGLE and DOUBLE WARDROBES, in polished hardwood
BEDROOM SUITES, full and complete
Blankets, Counterpanes, Green Verandah Blinds
DRAWING and DINING-ROOM SUITES
FRAMEWORK in WALNUT, OAK, and MAHOGANY
HAT, HALL, and UMBRELLA STANDS, and HALL CHAIRS
Sofas and Couches, Cornice Poles, and Vallances
Toilet Glasses, Pier Glasses
AMERICAN CHAIRS, AUSTRIAN BENT WOOD FURNITURE
ROCKERS, SETTEES, and COUCHES &c., &c.
To Furniture Warehousemen, Boardinghouse and Hotel Proprietors, Parties Furnishing, Storekeepers, Shippers, Dealers, &c.
HARRIS and ACKMAN have received instructions from Mr. JOHN LAWLER, to arrange the above EXTENSIVE CLEARING SALE BY AUCTION of OPEN and BULK STOCK, THIS DAY, Thursday, 31st DECEMBER, at 11 a.m., at his Warehouse, No. 606, GEORGE-STREET, BRICKFIELD HILL.
NO RESERVE.
TERMS AT SALE.

LAST CLEARING SALE FOR THE YEAR.
CONSIGNMENTS OF GENERAL MERCHANDISE.
TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 31st INSTANT, at 11 sharp.
KELLETT and ALFORD will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 14 Barrack-street, TO-DAY, at 11 sharp,
Balance of shipment pocket cutlery
Ditto ditto toys, dolls, and balls
Ditto ditto lamps and holloware
Ditto ditto briar and meerschaum pipes
Ditto ditto, albums and stationery.
Also,
Perfumery, soaps, toilet glasses, purses, and fancy goods.
NO RESERVE.

THURSDAY, December 31, at 11 a.m.
INSOLVENT ESTATE of J. F. CAMPBELL, Grocer.
The whole of the Stock of GROCERIES, OILMEN'S STORES, TEAS, SARDINES, Salmon, LOBSTERS, MILK, PICKLES, BROOMS, JAMS, EGGS, BACON, HAMS, BISCUITS, RAISINS, SPICES, FRUITS, STARCH, BLUE, SUGAR, COFFEE, &c., &c. Weights and Scales, &c., &c.
B. R. HARRIS and CO. have received instructions from F. M'Nab, Esq., official assignee, to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 114, PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m.
10 HALF-CHESTS TEA (Cock Brand), on account of the mortgagee, in bond.
B. R. HARRIS and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 114, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

THURSDAY, December 31.
UNRESERVED CLEARANCE SALE BY AUCTION, consequent upon removal to Pitt-street Premises, lately occupied by Messrs. Elliott Bros.
FANCY GOODS, FANCY CHINA
PICTURES, ORNAMENTS
PLAQUES, PHOTOS.
IRONMONGERY, HOLLOWARE
BLUE PAPER, and SUNDRIES.
Every Line must be Cleared.
NATHAN COHEN and CO. will sell the above by auction, at their Rooms, Barrack-street, THIS DAY, December 31st, at 11 o'clock.
Terms, cash.
NO RESERVE.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.
TO-MORROW.
DON'T FORGET that WATKIN and WATKIN will SELL BY AUCTION, on the Ground, the magnificent HURSTVILLE GROVE ESTATE, the property of THE CITY AND COUNTY INVESTMENT, LAND, AND BUILDING COMPANY, Limited, 327, Pitt-street, on the EASIEST TERMS ever known.
Only £3 per lot deposit, and the balance by instalments of 2s 6d per week. Interest, 6 per cent.
ONLY THINK: EVERY LOT HAS A FRONTAGE of 40 FEET OR MORE, and SOME OF THE LOTS ARE OVER 200 FEET DEEP.
ALL BEAUTIFUL LAND, and THE SOIL WILL GROW ANYTHING from ORANGES TO CABBAGES.
WHAT IS THE USE of LIVING IN A HIRED HOUSE AND PAYING RENT, when by a deposit of £3 you may secure a BEAUTIFUL ALLOTMENT at HURSTVILLE GROVE, situated far away from sewerage troubles and mosquitoes, and on which, as soon as the deposit is paid, you may get out your plans and apply to the vendors (noted for their liberality) for a loan to build!
REMEMBER: For the convenience of such of the WORKING-MEN OF SYDNEY who cannot attend a sale at any other time.
WATKIN and WATKIN, Auctioneers.

By Order of the Trustees of the Estate of the late R. HAWORTH, Esq., WOLLONGONG.
THAT HIGHLY-IMPROVED ESTATE known as KEMBLAY GRANGE, in area 500 ACRES, on the Dapto-road, about six miles from the Town of Wollongong.
THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, in the Town of Wollongong.
SEVERAL TOWN PROPERTIES, full particulars of which will be published in a few days.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, Sydney, on an early date in February, 1886,
The above-mentioned valuable properties, further particulars of which will appear in a few days.
Messrs. JONES and JONES, Pitt-street, are Solicitors of the Estate.

PICKED POSITIONS, SUMMER HILL, on celebrated Underwood Estate.
LOT 5, SECTION 10, having 50 feet frontage to LIVERPOOL-ROAD, with the splendid depth of 200 feet, opposite GOWER-STREET and adjoining Cortara Residence.
LOTS 11 to 16, SECTION 1, CLISSOLD'S SUBDIVISION, having frontages of 79 feet to NINAND-STREET and 155 feet 7 inches to LOFTUS-STREET, opposite the newly-arranged PUBLIC PARK.
TITLE, TORRENS' ACT.
These are very pleasantly situated sites, amidst good properties, and only a few minutes' walk from the station at Summer Hill.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 15th January, at 11 o'clock,
The above eligible suburban sites.
Terms at sale.

HURSTVILLE GROVE, 217 feet above sea level. Watkin and Watkin sell To-Morrow, New Year's Day.

ALL Fresh, Bright, Beautiful NEW YEAR CARDS at FULLER'S To-day, 385 and 387, George-street.

FERNBANK.
ASHFIELD. ASHFIELD.
13 CHOICE BUILDING SITES, each 50 x 150, fronting Alma-street, off Arthur-street, close to Brunswick Parade.
HUNTLEY and BARNARD will sell by auction, on the ground, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, January 30, 1886, at 3 o'clock, the above valuable Sites.
The terms will be easy
The title is Torrens'
The distance from Railway short
The surroundings are all good
Also, at the close of this Sale, 3 FINE BUILDING ALLOTMENTS, 40 x 150, fronting Brunswick Parade, and being Nos. 4, 5, and 6, of Section 2 respectively of that UNIQUE SUBDIVISION adjoining FERNBANK.
Auctioneers' Office, 161, Pitt-street.

SATURDAY, 16th January, 1886.
FIELD OF MARS.
THE FIRST SUBDIVISION SALE, on easy terms.
KENNEDY'S SELECTION.
58 CHOICE LOTS On the Crest of the Hill, overlooking Lane Cove River and Buffalo Creek, CLOSE TO THE PITTWATER-ROAD.
MILLS and PILE have received instructions from the Proprietor to sell by public auction, ON THE GROUND, on SATURDAY, 16th JANUARY, at half-past 3,
THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOTS, fronting the Pittwater-road, High-street, Westminster-road, and Kennedy-street.
Each lot has 66 FEET FRONTAGE, BY GOOD DEPTH to a lane at the rear.
THE LAND is beautifully situate, within easy distance of the Government wharf, and but a short distance from the Lane Cove River.
A FEATURE in this beautiful district is the fine Government grant of 40 acres, already dedicated to the public.
A SPECIAL FEATURE of this sale will be that every lot will be started at one upset price, like all Government sales, the UPSET PRICE being 10s PER FOOT.
THE TERMS OF SALE ARE VERY EASY. 10 per cent. deposit, balance in 12 quarterly payments, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, payable quarterly with the instalments.
To convey intending buyers to the ground on the day of sale, A SPECIAL STEAMER will leave the Circular Quay at 2 p.m.
TITLE, TORRENS'.

POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY.
VILLAGE of BALGOWLAH.
PARISH of MANLY COVE.
ZAHEL'S ESTATE.
BLOCKS 38, 42, 46, and 47, each Block 5 acres 1 rood 21 perches, fronting WOOD and GRIFFITH STREETS.
To BUILDING SOCIETIES and INVESTORS.
MILLS and PILE have been instructed by the Administratrix of the Estate of the late Vincent Zahel to sell by public auction, at their Mart, 130, Pitt-street,
The ABOVE GRAND SUBDIVISION BLOCKS.
TERMS.—10 per cent. cash deposit; 20 per cent. cash in 12 months; balance in 2 years; interest 6 per cent.

PRELIMINARY.
CREEWOOD SUBDIVISION.
ELEVATED LOTS. GRAND VIEWS.
DEPTHS OF 330 FEET.
IMPERATIVE SALE, in consequence of the owner's intended DEPARTURE for EUROPE early in January.
IN SUBDIVISION—CREEWOOD, House and Grounds, CONCORD-ROAD, REDMYRE NORTH, or HOMEBUSH, situate on the CREST of the HILL, commanding EXTENSIVE VIEWS, and occupying WITHOUT EXCEPTION the GRANDEST POSITIONS on the SUBURBAN LINE.
FRONTAGES of from 66 to 100 FEET, with DEPTHS of 200, or 330 FEET.
BATT, RODD, and PURVES have received instructions to sell by public auction, ON THE GROUND, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 9th January, next, at 3 p.m.
The RESIDENCE and GROUNDS of E. C. BATT, Esq., who is LEAVING for EUROPE, SUBDIVIDED as follows:—
Lot 1.—CREEWOOD, a desirable detached cottage residence, most substantially built of brick on stone, and cemented all round, containing wide verandah, with portico entrance, hall, dining and drawing rooms, study, three large bed-rooms, smoking-room, bath-room (with plunge and shower), store-room, butler's pantry, servants' room, kitchen, laundry, and numerous out-offices. Ample WATER SUPPLY for all seasons.
The LAND is laid out in ORNAMENTAL SHRUBBERY, KITCHEN and FLOWER GARDENS, and has about 114 feet frontage to CONCORD-ROAD, by about 250 feet in depth, besides large paddock at rear, about 40 x 331, with ENTRANCE from the GOVERNMENT-ROAD.
INSPECTION by CARDS to VIEW, obtainable from the Auctioneers only.
Lots 2 and 3.—Each have about 66 feet frontage to CONCORD-ROAD, by about 250 feet in depth.
Lot 4—Has about 85 feet frontage to CONCORD ROAD, by a side frontage of about 250 feet along the GOVERNMENT-ROAD.
Lots 5 to 11.—Each have about 100 feet frontage to the made Government-road (66 feet wide) by 200 feet in depth.
. PADDOCK at rear of lots 5 to 11, 130 x 700, which will be utilised to increase depths of these lots (Nos. 5 to 11) from 200 to 330 feet if required.
TERMS MOST LIBERAL: 25 per cent. deposit; balance by 3 equal instalments at 1, 2, and 3 years, at 6 per cent.
PLANS are now ready.
NOTE.—The FURNITURE of CREEWOOD will be SOLD on the premises on WEDNESDAY, 6th JANUARY, at 11 o'clock.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES beg to call attention to the following Properties for SALE, viz.:—
MOORE PARK. Capital TERRACE of 4 HOUSES for SALE, together or separately, each containing 5 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, verandah and balcony, GAS, WATER, and all conveniences. These are really WELL-BUILT and TASTEFULLY-FINISHED houses. (F. 125.)
LEICHHARDT. PRETTY DETACHED 6-roomed COTTAGE, CROMWELL-STREET, 2 minutes of TRAM TERMINUS; GAS, WATER, and all conveniences. KEY next door. (D. 220.)
NORTH SHORE. SILEX ESTATE. BEAUTIFUL SITES, close to MOSSMAN'S BAY FERRY, 140, 200, and 462 feet deep, commanding PRETTY HARBOUR VIEWS. Torrens' Title. 10 per cent. deposit, four years' terms. Plans on application. (D. 190.)
REDFERN. Comfortable HOUSE, close to 'bus and tram, containing 4 rooms, kitchen, balcony, CITY WATER, &c., LARGE YARD, MADE STREET at rear. Only £330. TERMS, £30 DOWN, balance by INSTALMENTS of £1 2s 6d per week (principal, interest, and G. R.) (B. 430.)
BURWOOD. BESSIEVILLE and MAGGIEVILLE, 2 charming semi-detached Villas, 5 minutes from station, each containing 6 rooms, hall, laundry, bathroom, balcony, and verandah; plenty of water, &c. Average size of land, over 75 x 255, with street back and front. (F. 116.)
NORTH SHORE. WATER FRONTAGE, 10 acres off MILITARY-ROAD, commanding beautiful harbour views. PLAN at the Rooms. (B. 123.)
BLACKHEATH. BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN SITES, all sizes, close to the STATION, for SALE, on EASY TERMS. PLAN on view. (B. 257.)
BALMAIN. BRIDGE ESTATE.—Valuable Water Frontage and other Sites, close to DARLING-ROAD, and only a few feet from the BRIDGE. EASY TERMS to suit buyers. PLAN on view. (B. 619.)
CLARENCE SIDING. Valuable Block of 40 ACRES, right at the STATION, rich ORCHARD SOIL, GOOD SUPPLY of WATER. (B. 615.)
ROOKWOOD. Splendid Block for subdivision, situate about 5 minutes' walk from the station, having about 1240 feet frontage to three streets. PLAN on view. (C. 232.)
HARTLEY (LITTLE). VALUABLE BLOCK of 50 ACRES, only 2½ miles from MOUNT VICTORIA RAILWAY STATION, together with 2 Cottages thereon, fruit trees, paddock, plenty of water, &c. (B. 384.)
ALEXANDRIA. Splendid FREEHOLD TERRACE of 6 HOUSES, returning £156 per annum. Also Leasehold Terrace of 9 Houses, returning an annual rental of £340 12s. (D. 58.)
CARDS and further particulars on application to
BATT, RODD, and PURVES, 88, Pitt-street.

OPENING OF ILLAWARRA LINE to SUTHERLAND.
HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE.
A SALE OF 99 YEARS' LEASES will be held shortly.
The date of sale will be announced in a few days.

HURSTVILLE GROVE, 217 feet above sea level. Watkin and Watkin sell To-Morrow. New Year's Day.

CHEAP LAND.
A GRAND OPPORTUNITY for COUNTRY VISITORS to SECURE fine ORCHARD BLOCKS or RESIDENTIAL SITES, as follows:—
MANLY.
BEAUTIFUL MANLY.
40 ALLOTMENTS of FRESHWATER HEIGHTS ESTATE, commanding LOVELY OCEAN VIEWS.
EMU PLAINS.
BOGIE'S FARM SUBDIVISION.
7 ORCHARD BLOCKS, of 4 ACRES EACH.
FAIRFIELD.
6 ALLOTMENTS, fronting Madeline-street.
6 ditto, ditto Moorgate-street, being Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, Sec. 6 of STUBB'S SUBDIVISION, Vol. 436, Folio 60.
AUBURN.
5 ALLOTMENTS, of Sec. 3, DAY'S SUBDIVISION, being Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 28, and 29, fronting Urangairen and Karaber streets.
ASHFIELD.
6 SPLENDID BUILDING SITES, fronting Alt-street.
HUNTLEY and BARNARD will sell by auction, in their Rooms, 161, Pitt-street, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, January 2, 1886, at 3 o'clock,
The above very capital lands.
The TERMS will be EASY, and TITLE FIRST-CLASS.
NOTE. This is a GRAND CHANCE for the WORKING MAN.

NEW BRIGHTON ESTATE.
LADY ROBINSON BEACH.
VIA ROCKDALE STATION (Illawarra railway line) and SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY.
CHOICE WATER FRONTAGES.
CHOICE WATER FRONTAGES.
SPLENDID LEVEL BUILDING SITES, with large frontages and great depths, overlooking BOTANY BAY and OUT THROUGH THE BOTANY HEADS TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
Also from this lovely spot can be seen Captain Cook's monument at KURNEL, the historic landing-place of the renowned discoverer; also LA PEROUSE, the HEIGHTS of RANDWICK, WAVERLEY, and WOOLLAHRA.
HUNTLEY and BARNARD have been instructed to sell this very unique property, on the ground, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, January 9, 1886.
It is situate at the CORNER of BAY-STREET, and FRONTS the GRAND PARADE, which are traversed by SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY LINE, by means of which it is possible to leave the city on the Illawarra Railway and be conveyed to the estate in 30 minutes.
The Railway Service is already of a very accommodating character, there being 16 trains daily; and the number must soon be increased, as population is settling very rapidly all along the Illawarra railway suburbs.
No one can speak definitely as to the future of this locality; but it does not require a PROPHET to foresee that this lovely spot will soon rival Manly, and at no very distant date outrival Brighton in England, with its many grand terraces, parades, splendid hotels and boarding-houses, and residences of merchant princes.
With characteristic enterprise, Mr. SAYWELL is now completing his original scheme of building magnificent Salt Water Swimming Baths for adults and children, who may bathe in perfect safety. He has also obtained a License for a Family Hotel, and is about to erect the same AT ONCE, such as will be a credit to himself and the neighbourhood; also a PIER or WHARF to accommodate parties arriving by steamer, &c.
Words fail to describe the beauty of the scene at this favourite MARINE RESORT. The vast expanse of water forming the "Bay" is like a lake of azure hue, bounded on the west by a beach of silver sand seven miles long, without a stone or any kind of rubbish on its entire length, upon which already thousands of citizens are daily enjoying the refreshing and invigorating sea breezes.
Know all men by these presents that the first subdivision sale will take place on the ground, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, January 9, 1886, at Three o'clock, under a large marquee to be specially erected for that purpose; and all who desire a safe investment, with certain prospect of a rapid profit, will do well to become buyers in this Estate, and repeat the experiences of those fortunate persons who bought at Manly Beach a few years ago.
Vendors are Metropolitan Mutual Permanent Building and Investment Association, Limited (R. W. Conway, Esq., manager).
Terms will be, as usual with this Society, very liberal—viz., 10 per cent. deposit, balance by 36 monthly payments bearing 5 per cent., or 60 monthly payments with 6 per cent. Any period over five years, interest at 8 per cent., with liberty to pay off at any time.
Special Train and Tram.
Title, Torrens'.
Auctioneers' office, 161, Pitt-street.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9.
TARA ESTATE,
KOGARAH.
276 CHOICE ALLOTMENTS for AUCTION SALE, on the GROUND, SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, at 3 o'clock.
SPLENDID BUILDING SITES
WATER FRONTAGES.
TORRENS' TITLE.
TERMS: £1 deposit; balance, 10s per month. Interest, 6 per cent.
Lithographs at 458, George-street.
T. R. SMITH, CHAPMAN, and SMITH have received instructions to sell by auction, on the ground, on SATURDAY, January 9, at 3 o'clock,
The above estate.
Lithos. at 458, George-street.

BOWRAL.
The best climate in New South Wales for Summer Residences.
Choice Building Sites for Villa Residences. Close to the Railway Station.
MERILBAH, the property of Colonel Roberts.
SATURDAY NEXT, January 2, 1886, at 3 o'clock, at the Mart, Bowral.
JOHN G. MORRIS has received instructions from Colonel Roberts to sell by public auction,
A portion of his magnificent property, subdivided into villa and cottage allotments, embracing some of the finest sites in the district.
The villa sites are charmingly situated, commanding beautiful views of the surrounding country, and yet splendidly sheltered from the westerly wind.
Intending purchasers can leave Sydney either by the 5.30 or 9.6 train on Saturday morning.
Lithos. to be had from Messrs. Tayt and Fowler, architects and surveyors, 159, Pitt-street, Sydney.
Terms liberal.

SALE DAY—SATURDAY NEXT.
In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
Sheriff's Office, Sydney, 23rd December, 1885.
SAMUEL LYONS and ANOTHER v. JAMES ERWIN.
ON TUESDAY, the fifth day of January, 1886, at NOON, unless the writ of fieri facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by Public Auction, under the verandah of the Supreme Court, King-street, Sydney,
All the right, title, and interest of James Erwin, the defendant herein, of, in, and to all that parcel of land situate in the parish of St. Phillip in the city of Sydney, in the county of Cumberland, and colony of New South Wales, being portion of lot No. 6, section 82, in the said city of Sydney, bounded on the west by Clarence-street, commencing at a point on the east side thereof, being the north-west corner of allotment No. 7, and bearing northerly 15·8 on the north, by a line bearing easterly 46·11, dividing it from house No. 30; on the east by a line bearing southerly 14·9, and on the south by a line bearing westerly 46·11, dividing it from lot No. 7 aforesaid.
Terms, Cash.
CHARLES COWPER, Sheriff.
WANT, JOHNSON and CO., Plaintiff's Attorney, 60, Pitt-street, Sydney.

FOR SALE, ½-mile Water FRONTAGE, 10 acres. Figtree Inn, Lane Cove.

NEW BRIGHTON ESTATE,
LADY ROBINSON'S BEACH,
via Saywell's Tramway.
GRAND WATER FRONTAGES.
Auction Sale on the Ground,
SATURDAY, January 9th.
See Large Advertisement.
HUNTLEY and BARNARD, Auctioneers.

ALL Fresh, Bright, Beautiful NEW YEAR CARDS at FULLER'S To-day, 385 and 387, George-street.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.—Try FULLER and CO.'S splendid Stock, good and cheap. 385-7, George-street.

HURSTVILLE GROVE, 217 feet above sea level. Watkin and Watkin sell To-Morrow, New Year's Day.

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Funerals.

A SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS will be celebrated at ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, Forest Lodge, on THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at half-past 10 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late THOMAS MURPHY. T. DIXON.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. THOMAS MURPHY are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON; to move from St. James's Church, Forest Lodge, at a quarter to 2 o'clock, to the Catholic Cemetery Necropolis. T. DIXON, Undertaker, 25, Oxford-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. ALICIA MURPHY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND, the late Mr. Thomas Murphy, THIS (Thursday) MORNING; to move from St. James's Church, Forest Lodge, at quarter to 2 o'clock, to the Catholic Cemetery Necropolis. T. DIXON, Undertaker, 25, Oxford-street.

THE FRIENDS of WILLIAM ZALA are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from the residence of Mr. John Jenkins, Eastview, William-street, St. Leonards, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock sharp, to Ryde C. Cemetery, via Lane Cove Bridge. BIGLEY BROS., Undertakers, Lane Cove-road, and Blue's Point.

THE FRIENDS of THOMAS JENKINS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of WILLIAM ZALA; to move from the residence of Mr. John Jenkins, Eastview, William-street, off Mount-street, St. Leonards, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock sharp, to Ryde R. C. Cemetery, via Lane Cove Bridge. BIGLEY BROS., Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of SARAH JORDAN, relict of the late ... Jordan, are invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her late residence, Fotheringham Cottage, Fotheringham-street, Enmore, to Newtown Station, thence to Necropolis, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 p.m. MELVILLE and SON, Undertakers, 225, King-street, Newtown.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. PETER PETERSEN are invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved DAUGHTER, Mrs. Louisa Milham; to move from her late residence, 13, Napier-street, Paddington, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, to Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, 116, Oxford-street, near Crown-street.

THE FRIENDS of Messrs. PETER, JOHN, and FREDERICK PETERSEN are invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Mrs. Louisa Milham; to move from her late residence, 13, Napier-street, Paddington, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, 116, Oxford-street, near Crown-street.

THE FRIENDS of Messrs. RICHARD and SIDNEY MILHAM are invited to attend the Funeral of their late deceased SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Louisa Milham; to move from her late residence, 13, Napier-street, Paddington, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, to Waverley Cemetery. Charles Kinsela, Oxford-st. and Green's-rd., Padd'ton.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. HENRY WALTER MILHAM are informed the FUNERAL of his late beloved WIFE, Louisa, will leave his residence 13, Napier-street, Paddington, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, to Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, 116, Oxford-street, near Crown-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. THOMAS CHEVELL are invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved DAUGHTER, Florence; to move from his residence, 125, Denison-street, Kingston, Camperdown, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock, to Balmain Cemetery. MELVILLE and SON, Undertakers, 225, King-street, Newtown.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. W. B. NELSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased beloved BROTHER, Horatio; to move from his residence, Mona Cottage, Withcombe-street, Balmain, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery. ROBERT F. WOOD and CO., Undertakers, Darling-street, Balmain, and 807, George-streets.

Shipping.

NEUTRAL BAY STEAM FERRY CO., Limited.

TRIP ROUND THE HARBOUR and to HEAD OF MIDDLE HARBOUR.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The new and fast saloon steamer NEUTRAL BAY will (by special request) leave No. 5 Jetty at 2.30 p.m. and Woolloomooloo at 2.45 p.m., landing passengers at Middle Harbour.

Fare—ONE SHILLING.

A TRIP ROUND THE HARBOUR and HEAD of MIDDLE HARBOUR.—THIS AFTERNOON, also FRIDAY and SATURDAY, S.S. ESTRELLA will leave No. 2 Jetty, Circular Quay, 2.30. Return 1s. W. J. HARMER, Manager.

FOR Nambucca River, Schooner ELIZA ALLAN, from Fagan's Wharf, first fair wind. P. Hogan, agent.

NAMBUCCRA RIVER.—LADY LORNE, THIS DAY. Cargo received Fagan's Wf. C. B. Bond, Sussex-st.

FOR Bermagui and Cobargo.—Moruna sails at noon. J. SMITH, Caledonian Wharf, King-street.

SARAH BEATTIE receives cargo at Victoria Wharf TO-DAY.

FOR TWEED RIVER.—The regular trader VALE will leave Patent Slip Wharf on or about Saturday. Cargo now received. Apply M. LANGLEY, 92, Sussex-street.

FOR MYALL RIVER, Port Stephens.—The schooner CALEDONIA sails THIS EVENING. Cargo now received at Mace's Wharf, Pyrmont. All freight paid in Sydney.

SHIP ABERFELDY, FROM LONDON.

DISCHARGING AT ADELAIDE WHARF.

Consignees are requested to pass entries at once for ADELAIDE WHARF.

The ship will not be responsible for any loss of, or damage to, cargo after same shall have been landed, and any cargo impeding discharge will be entered and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any cargo can be delivered.

GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., Agents, 93, Pitt-street.

N.B.—Captain M'DONALD will not be responsible for any debts contracted by his crew without his written authority.

BARQUE FRANCES FISHER, from GLASGOW. Discharging at Smith's Wharf.

CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once. The Ship will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to cargo after landed, and all goods impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at the risk and expense of consignee.

Bills of lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any goods can leave the wharf.

MASON BROTHERS, Limited, Agents.

Captain LEWIS will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by his crew without his written authority.

BARQUE OAKHURST, from LIVERPOOL.

Consignees of goods by this vessel are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for DALTON'S WHARF.

This ship will not be responsible for loss or damage to cargo after it is landed. All goods impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any goods can leave the wharf.

DALTON BROS., Agents.

Pitt-street.

Captain RICHARDS will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by his crew without his written authority.

SHIP HELENSLEA, from LIVERPOOL.

DISCHARGING AT COWPER WHARF.

Consignees are requested to pass entries at once for Cowper Wharf.

The ship will not be responsible for any loss of, or damage to, cargo after same shall have been landed; and any cargo impeding discharge will be entered and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any cargo can be delivered.

DALTON BROS., Agents. Pitt-street.

N.B.—Captain REID will not be responsible for any debts contracted by his crew without his written authority.

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

S.S. KHANDALLA, from CALCUTTA.

CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for the Central Wharf.

The ship will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to cargo after same shall have been landed; and any cargo impeding discharge will be entered and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any cargo can be delivered.

BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited, Agents.

BARQUE DERRY CASTLE, FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of goods by this vessel are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for MOORE'S WHARF.

This ship will not be responsible for loss or damage to cargo after it is landed. All goods impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any goods can leave the wharf.

GEORGE A. LLOYD and CO., Agents.

66, Pitt-street.

Captain GOFFE will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by his crew without his written authority.

BARQUE CHAS. BAL, from FREDERICKSTADT.

Captain NEILSON will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by the crew without his written authority.

A. BURNS, Agent.

NOTICE to CONSIGNEES.—S.S. CALLAROY. All HAY not removed by the 1st JANUARY, 1886, will be sold to defray expenses. JOHN FRAZER and CO., Grafton Wharf.

TO SHIPPING AGENTS.—Information wanted respecting 13 Cases HORSE NAILS, branded Ebs in diamond over Sydney, shipped per York City, from St. John's to London, and transhipped for Sydney. E. BAILEY and SON, 115, Clarence-street.

TONNAGE wanted for Hongkong, Shanghai, and Manila. LORIMER, ROME, and CO., 34, O'Connell-street.

FOR FREIGHT or CHARTER, the brig SYREN. Apply to G. J. MASON, Patent Slip Wharf.

FOR FREIGHT, SALE, or CHARTER.

The barquentine EDITH MAY, 215 tons register, carries 300 tons on 10ft. 6in. draft.

Apply to BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited.

FOR CHARTER, the fast and powerful Screw Steamship GEELONG, 288 tons register. For terms, apply Wm. Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, 79, York-street.

S.S. JENNY LIND for HIRE, Picnics or Excursions. Apply W. M'Donagh, 388, Sussex-street.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.—For Hire, the favourite steamer AGENORIA, carrying 115 passengers. Apply W. J. Monroy and Co., No. 7, Loftus-street, Circular Quay.

COAL HULK wanted, to carry 300 tons. Apply Box 8, King-street.

PULLING BOAT.—Wanted to Purchase. Braby, Tattersall's-chambers, Hunter-street.

WANTED to Charter a VESSEL, for Mackay Wharf, of about 300 tons capacity. Apply to BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited.

WANTED to purchase, racing SAILS, suitable for 20 foot boat. State price and all particulars to F. Sandon, Box 603, G.P.O.

WANTED to Purchase a 16-feet C.B. Open BOAT. Particulars W. F. R. F. C. M., Herald Office.

FOR SALE, 20ft. Centre-board SKIFF, cedar. Price £18. Apply A. Balaemann, 311, George-street.

FOR SALE, new 15ft. varnished SKIFF, cheap. Apply No. 8, Pyrmont-street, Pyrmont.

FOR SALE, the 3-masted Schooner MAY, 295 tons register, classed in Lloyd's; just arrived from Mauritius. This vessel is in first-class order; coppered in May last; hull, spars, rigging, and sails in good order; carries 120 tons weight in 14 feet 6 inches; stands and shifts without ballast.

For all particulars apply to G. J. WATERHOUSE, Agent, 83, Pitt-street.

NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Limited.

For SALE, the fast and powerful steamship KEMBLA. Can be inspected at the Company's Wharf, Lime-street.

H. D. PORTEUS, Manager.

PERTH, Western Australia.—Wanted, PASSAGES for 7 or 8 persons. Address Perth, Herald Office.

Personal.

AMELIA JACKSON, Jessie Farmer, from Melbourne, wishes to see you. Address Post Office.

CHERITON.—You told the tale more than a year ago. C. M. A. N.

DEAR PHENEY, letter G. P. O.; urgent. Addie.

HARRY WILSON.—Return skewbald Pony and Buggy hired from Tattersall's Bazaar, 20, avoiding further cost.

H. J. E. BARLOW will hear of something to his advantage by addressing H. P. B., care of J. and A. Brown, Sydney and Newcastle.

IF Mr. JAMES SMITH, belonging to Irvine, Scotland, will call on the undersigned, he will hear of something to his advantage. He is supposed to have been working at Messrs. Callen Bros., Stockton, Newcastle, about June, 1884.

JAMES and ALEX. BROWN, Sydney and Newcastle.

JOHN SIMONS.—Anyone knowing the present address of John Simons, formerly of Darlinghurst, then of Surry Hills, and lately of Douglas Park, will oblige by communicating the same to H. Haege and Co., 93, Pitt-street.

MISS MAUD SMITH, last heard of at Balmain.—Your father would be very glad to hear from you. John Smith, Baulkham Hills Post-office, care of C. Bowerman.

RICHARD TOMLINSON will hear of something to his advantage by calling on Mr. HEDGES, at Ashfield, as early as possible.

WILL J. CROWLEY call on A. D. Nelson and Co., at once, Hay-street, Darling Harbour!

WILL Mrs. SPENCER or SPOONER, of Hunter's Hill, aunt of Theodore Matthews, circus proprietor, please call or send address to J. LAPRAIK, 66, Dixon-street.

WILL Mr. G. T. THORPE, P.S., call or write at once. Address Miss M. M'Leod, Frederick House, 4 and 6, Charlotte-place, Church-hill, Sydney.

Lost and Found.

ASHFIELD.—LOST, between Railway Crossing and Mr. Soutar's store, lady's gold RING, an old relic, centre stone garnet. Will finder kindly leave same with Mr. Soutar and receive reward.

LOST, from 111, Barcom-street, Galah PARROT, wing cut, and toes of right foot. Reward if returned.

LOST, small gray HORSE, scar on neck near the jaw. Reward. D. Doyle, Rushcutter Bay.

LOST, 25th instant, Signet RING, cracked stone. 5s reward. 14, Orwell-street, Pott's Point.

LOST, a large liver-coloured DOG, white chest. Reward. E. Irwin, Commercial Union Insurance Co., Hunter-street.

LOST, dark-crested CANARY, tick on wing. Reward on return 16, Moore Park-road.

LOST, Bunch of KEYS, between Darling Point and Edgecliff-road. Reward. Apply Lassetter's, George-street.

LOST, Cocker Spaniel Dog PUP, brown and white; name Carlo. Reward. 69, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst.

LOST, FOX-TERRIER. Reward on returning to Robert Miller, Livingstone-road, Petersham.

LOST, Pug DOG, from 95, Macleay-street, Potts Point. One pound reward. Anyone detaining same after this notice will be prosecuted.

LOST, on Wednesday, in either Waverley or Newtown trams, a small BROOCH, composed of two rows of garnets. Reward at 176, Queen-street, Woollahra.

LOST, a white COCKATOO. £1 reward anyone returning him to J. Kidman, Montague House, 12, Park-road, Moore Park.

LATELY LOST, a Red Morocco Memorandum BOOK, containing cheque value one guinea, some papers, and member's ticket for A. J. Club. Reward. Address W. Scott, M.R.C.V.S., 172, Castlereagh-street.

LOST, in tram from Railway Station at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 29th instant, small green Leather PURSE, containing silver. Reward at Flavelle, jeweller, George-street, near Hunter-street.

LOST, between Woolyear's Circus and 6, Charlotte-place, a Piece of CHAIN, with Trinkets. Finder will be rewarded by returning them to 6, Charlotte-place, Church-hill.

LOST, December 29, a Ten-pound NOTE on the Bank of New South Wales; number known. The finder will be handsomely rewarded by returning the above to No. 23, George-street, West.

LOST, in train, Wednesday afternoon, between Summer Hill and Burwood, small Black Leather HAND-BAG, key attached to handle. Finder rewarded on leaving same at Mr. Humphery's Office, 179, Pitt-street.

LOST, a few days ago, a drab Leather PURSE, containing about £16, half of a gold ring, and a copper Egyptian coin. Finder liberally rewarded. A. J. G., 302, George-street.

LOST, a dark Chestnut HORSE, branded ROR. Reward will be given on returning same to J. W. BYRMER, Parramatta-road, Fivedock.

LOST, a Deposit RECEIPT, No. A12853, issued by the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, 18th August, 1884, in favour of W. Cameron, for £100; reward. Mechanics' Hall, Castlereagh-street, corner of Goulburn-street.

LOST or STRAYED, a liver and white spaniel DOG (puppy). A reward will be given to anyone returning the same to me. Proceedings will be taken against any person found in possession of the dog after this. F. Penny, 54, Darlinghurst-road.

ONE POUND REWARD.—Lost Spotted COW, branded E X; red COW, br. W 1 rump W. H. Harris, Cabramatta.

ONE POUND REWARD.—LOST, on Thursday, the 24th, Gentleman's Gold RING, set with pearl. No. 12, Clarence-street.

REWARD, 10s.—Strayed, one bay MARE, AB near shoulder, 1 hind foot white. Percival Brothers, M'Donald-street, Macdonaldtown.

STRAYED from 71, Elizabeth-street, Black English TERRIER. Rewarded if returned.

STRAYED from Killowen, Milton-st., Ashfield, a Red COW, branded P8; reward. T. Hungerford, Ashfield.

STRAYED from Rose Hall, 158, Forbes-street, Darlinghurst, white COW, with brown ears. Reward on return.

STRAYED, a white HORSE, branded JP. Apply No. 8, Grantham, Potts Point.

STRAYED from Randwick, Sunday night last, a grey GELDING, long tail, brand like FC (conjoined) on near shoulder. Reward. Service and Co., Oxford-street.

SUPPOSED to have been left in Railway omnibus, a small PARCEL, containing lady's black Shoulder Cape. Reward if left at Herald Office.

TWO SHEEP. Reward if returned to H. M'Namara, Hay-street, Darling Harbour.

TWO POUNDS reward. Lost, on Saturday morning, two HORSES, one piebald mare, also one chestnut PONY. To Mr. Chaumet, White-street, Leichhardt.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.—Stolen or strayed from Balmain West, a brown MARE, branded T B S conjoined near shoulder; one hind foot white. The above reward will be given on conviction if stolen, £1 reward if strayed.

S. TANCRED, No. 8, Abattoirs, Glebe Island.

FOUND at Botany, Monday, BASKET, with 2 Coats. Owner can have by paying expenses. 18, Mary-st., Waterloo.

Municipal Council Notices.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LEICHHARDT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council-chambers of this Municipality will be OPENED from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., for the Receipt of Rates and other municipal business, on FRIDAY, January 1, 1886.

Ratepayers are reminded that they CANNOT VOTE at the ensuing election unless all arrears are paid, and that a list of DEFAULTERS will be laid before the Revision Court, and open to the public.

WALTER BEAMES, Council Clerk.

December 29, 1885.

BOROUGH OF LEICHHARDT.—All MONEYS due for the removal of Night Soil must be paid on or before 31st December, or legal proceedings will be taken for its recovery.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.—Try FULLER and CO.'S splendid Stock, good and cheap. 385-7, George-street.

Business Announcements.

MASON BROTHERS, Limited, have REMOVED to Nos. 263 to 269, Kent-street, between Erskine and Margaret street.

Branch Shipping Office—14, Spring-street.

M. H. LAUCHLAN having returned from Europe, begs to notify that he has resumed his Indent and Manufacturers' Agency Business, at 46, Market-street. Sydney December 28, 1885.

NOTICE.—Mr. JAMIESON, Painter, begs to intimate that he has REMOVED from 45, Walker-street, Redfern, to more commodious premises at 11, Morehead-street, Redfern.

NOTICE of Removal.—Mr. G. E. H. SANDERS, Solicitor, has removed to No. 85, Elizabeth-street.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—Mr. GEO. M. DUNN, Solicitor, has Removed to Pomeroy-chambers, 39, Cas'gh.-st.

REMOVAL.—W. PEARCE, Saddler, to 2, Swan-street, rear of 660, George-street, near Liverpool-street.

OFFICES of D. COOPER and CO. Removed to Bennett's-chambers, 51, Market-street.

ALL Fresh, Bright, Beautiful NEW YEAR CARDS at FULLER'S To-day, 385 and 387, George-street.

HURSTVILLE GROVE, 217 feet above sea level. Watkin and Watkin sell To-Morrow, New Year's Day.

Meetings.

TRADES LABOUR COUNCIL MEETING THIS EVENING, 8 o'clock, Swan with Two Necks, George and Park streets. Full attendance requested.

THOMAS SYMONS, Gen. Sec.

SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE.—There will be no meeting of members after the 24th December until Monday, the 4th January.

LEWIS P. BAIN, Hon. Secretary.

SYDNEY EXCHANGE COMPANY.

The Half-yearly MEETING of the shareholders of the Sydney Exchange Company will be held on MONDAY, the 18th January next, at noon, to receive the report of the directors together with the statement of accounts for the six months ending 31st December, 1885; and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

By order of the Board, CHAS. H. HAYES, Secretary.

Sydney, December 30, 1885.

CLARENCE AND RICHMOND RIVER STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Half-yearly General Meeting of the Proprietors of this Company will be held at their offices, Sussex-street, on WEDNESDAY, 27th day of January, 1886, at noon, to receive the report of the Directors for the half-year ending 31st December, 1885, and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting in terms of the Deed of Settlement.

RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.

Sydney, December 29, 1885.

THE COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventy-fifth Half-Yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney will be held at the head Banking-house of the Company, in George-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the 19th January next, at noon precisely, to receive the report of the Board of Directors for the half-year ended 31st December, and to take into consideration any other business which may be brought before the meeting in conformity with the deed of settlement.

By order of the Board, T. A. DIBBS, General Manager.

Sydney, 31st December, 1885.

THE CITY BANK.

NOTICE is hereby given that the usual Half-yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of the City Bank will be held on TUESDAY, the 19th day of January ensuing, at noon precisely, at the Head Banking House of the Company, Pitt-street, Sydney, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors for the half-year ending 31st instant; to elect two directors in the room of the Hon. George Thornton, Esq., and Edward Wrench, Esq., who retire in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Settlement, but who are eligible for re-election; to elect an Auditor in the room of H. C. D'Ardier, Esq., who retires by rotation, and is not eligible for re-election; and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting in pursuance of the provisions of the Deed of Settlement.

By order of the Board. WILL. NEILL, Manager.

Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.

N.B.—By the 5th clause, part 3, of the Deed of Settlement, every candidate for the office of Director must give notice in writing of his intention to the Board of Directors at least fourteen days before the day of election.

THE CITY BANK.

It is hereby notified that Messrs. GEORGE THORNTON and EDWARD WRENCH, duly qualified shareholders, have respectively given the requisite intimation that they are Candidates for re-election to the seats in the directorship they are about to vacate.

WILL. NEILL, Manager.

Sydney, 22nd December, 1885.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS of the CITY BANK.

Ladies and Gentlemen.—I beg to announce that I am a Candidate for the AUDITORSHIP, in the room of H. C. D'Ardier, Esq.

W. C. W. BURTELS.

PINNACLE GROUP SILVER-MINING COMPANY, Limited.

A Special General MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the registered office, Bank of Australasia-chambers, George and Jamieson streets, Sydney, at 4 p.m. on THURSDAY, 7th January, 1886.

GRESLEY LUKIN, Manager.

SILVER HILL MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

An adjourned Half-Yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the office, Bank of Australasia-chambers, George and Jamieson streets, Sydney, at 4 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, January 6th, 1886.

Business: To receive the half-yearly Report and Balance-sheet.

GRESLEY LUKIN, Manager.

Religious Announcements.

A WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE will be held in the Mission Church, Liverpool and Sussex streets, this NEW YEAR'S EVE, commencing at 11 o'clock.

ALL SAINTS, WOOLLAHRA.

TO-NIGHT being NEW YEAR'S EVE there will be a MIDNIGHT SERVICE, commencing at 11.15 p.m.

The Rev. G. NORTH ASH, M.A. will deliver an ADDRESS.

CAMPERDOWN Wesleyan Church.—Watch-Night Service TO-NIGHT, at 11.15. Rev. William Pearson.

CHRIST CHURCH, ENMORE.—MIDNIGHT SERVICE TO-NIGHT, at 11.15.

COME to our Watch SERVICE, S.S. Simon and Jude's, Campbell-street. Commencing 11 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Pitt-street.—A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING will be held on NEW YEAR'S MORNING, commencing at 7 o'clock. Dr. JEFFERIS will preside.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LAWRENCE, SYDNEY.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, 1885.

SERVICE, 11.15 p.m.

FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION. JANUARY 1, 1886.

Celebration of Holy Eucharist	6 a.m.
Mattins	8.30 a.m.
Choral Celebration of Holy Eucharist ...	11 a.m.
Evensong	7.45 p.m.

GLEBE-ROAD Wesleyan Church.—Watch-Night Service TO-NIGHT, at 11.15 o'clock. Rev. John Gardiner.

ST. CLEMENT'S, MARRICKVILLE.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE THIS EVENING, commencing at quarter-past 11 and concluding at a few minutes past 12.

ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, PADDINGTON.—There will be DIVINE SERVICE in this Church TO-NIGHT, commencing at 11 o'clock and lasting until the beginning of the New Year.

The RECTOR and CHURCHWARDENS will gratefully receive any DONATIONS towards the DEBT OR FINANCES of the CHURCH at the OFFERTORY from PARISHIONERS or FRIENDS who may ATTEND.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.

TO-NIGHT, THURSDAY, BEING NEW YEAR'S EVE, there will be a MIDNIGHT SERVICE, commencing at 11.15.

PREACHER, Rev. F. C. BECK, MINOR CANON.

An ADDRESS will also be delivered by the Rev. A. R. BARTLETT, M.A, MINOR CANON.

FRIDAY being NEW YEAR'S DAY, and the Feast of the Circumcision, Holy Communion will be Celebrated at 8 a.m., and Choral Service at 9 a.m.

There will be no Afternoon Service.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES will be held in the following Wesleyan Churches TO-NIGHT, commencing at 11 o'clock:—Wesley Church, Regent-st., Rev. R. Sellors; Mount Lachlan, Rev. H. Mack; Pyrmont, Rev. W. M'Callum.

WILLIAM-ST. WES. CH.—Service, TO-NIGHT. Anthems: "Lift up your Heads," Hopkins; "Hallelujah Chorus," Handel. Full choir, 10.40 sharp.

G. J. GODFREY, Organist.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, St. Leonards.—Watch-night Service at 11 TO-NIGHT. Address by Rev. Dr. KELYNACK. Owing to church alterations for erection of new organ, the service will be held in the Lecture Hall, Hill-street.

WOMEN'S PRAYER UNION.—MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, at 3, Temperance Hall, Pitt-street. Members kindly requested to attend to elect hon. sec. and committee for the ensuing year. A New Year's Convention in connection with the above will (D.V.) take place THURSDAY, January 7, 1886. Christian ladies of all denominations cordially welcome.

E. J. WARD, Hon. Sec.

WEEK OF UNITED AND UNIVERSAL PRAYER.

January 4th to 8th.

MEETINGS will be held in connection with the above, in the Large Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, commencing on MONDAY next, January 4.

For particulars see future advertisements.

T. B. TRESS, DAVID WALKER, Hon. Secs.

Municipal Elections.

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN.

The following is the statement of the Polling in the Election of an Alderman for O'Connell Ward, in the room of Mr. Chas Boots, resigned, viz.:—

Charles James Lane ...	304
Wm. Green Hibble ...	218
Majority for C. J. Lane ...	86
Informal votes...	16

J. F. SMITH, Mayor and Returning Officer.

Town Hall, Newtown, 30th December, 1885.

Lectures.

BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The following FREE LECTURE will be delivered in the Technical College Hall, Pitt-street:—"Elocution—Reading of Verse," by Mr. J. CONNERY, THIS DAY, Friday, December 31, at 8 p.m.

EDWARD DOWLING, Secretary.

Military Notices.

SYDNEY SCOTTISH RIFLES.

DRILL Postponed till TUESDAY NIGHT, 5th January, 1886.

JOHN MACDONALD, Major Commanding S. R. C. S. V. R.

ENGINEER CORPS.—Annual General Meeting, Thursday, 14th January, at 8 p.m. C. S. Cansdell, Lieut.

Apartments, Board and Residence.

A COMFORTABLE BEDROOM, to suit two single gentlemen; bath, &c. 118, Woolloomooloo-street.

A FURNISHED Balcony BEDROOM to LET, use kitchen. Apply 170, Riley-street, Surry Hills.

A FURNISHED BEDROOM to LET; rent mod. 15, Rowe-street, off Castlereagh-street, near King-street.

A LARGE balcony ROOM vacant, suit 2 friends; gas, bath, late dinner. 77, Victoria-street North.

A LARGE BEDROOM vacant, suitable for married couple. 228, Macquarie-street North.

ALPINE HOUSE, 207, Brougham-terrace, Victoria-street North, Suite of Apartments; vacancies families.

APARTMENTS, furnished, North Shore, near reserve, to LET. 2 large front balcony rooms. Reserve, Herald.

APARTMENTS.—A large FRONT ROOM and other vacancies at 221, Macquarie-street North.

APARTMENTS.—Single and Double Rooms, with Board. 186, Phillip-street.

A PLEASANT ROOM for gent. and wife; also, Single Room, with board. 215, Victoria-street North.

AT DAKOTAH, Rosebank-street, Darlinghurst, VACANCIES for Families and Gentlemen.

AT ESTHERVILLE, 48, Young-st., opposite Australian Club. Vacancies for families and gentlemen.

AT the Servants' Home, 83, Market-street.—Accommodation for men by the week or night.

AT 26, WYNYARD-SQUARE, VACANCIES for two gentlemen. Terms moderate.

AT 133, PHILLIP-STREET, single BEDROOMS vacant.

A GENTLEMAN can have private BOARD and RESIDENCE in a healthy spot in Balmain; late dinner; gas and piano; near ferry; terms, £1. MRS. NESBITT, Beattie-street.

BEAUTIFUL FRONT ROOM. Married couple or two gents. Late dinner. Norfolk Cottage, 32, Burton-street.

BLACKHEATH, Kanimbula House.—Apartments now vacant. Mrs. A. A. Wilson.

BLACKHEATH, Victoria House.—Superior private Accommodation for visitors and fam.; close stn. C. Seymour.

BLUE MOUNTAINS.—English family has vacancies for a few boarders. Mrs. Reade, The Farm, Lawson.

BOARD and RESIDENCE, private family (English). F., Haymarket Post-office.

BOARD and RESIDENCE, gentleman, private family, bath, piano. 7, Barcom-crescent, Wm.-street, Darlinghurst.

BOARD and Residence for 3 respectable Men; bath and gas; terms moderate. 271, Goulburn-street, near Oxford-st.

BURWOOD.—Desirable HOME offered single gentleman, 3 minutes station, private fam. Ingaline, Victoria-st.

BOARD and LODGING wanted by Lady and Gentleman, and 2 good children, one room, city. Guilfoyle and Parsons, Temple-court, King-street.

BOARD and RESIDENCE, Superior.—Anyone requiring comfort equal to that of any hotel would do well to inspect these newly furnished rooms; healthy position, close to tram, bath, gas, late dinners. 11, Begg-street, Paddington.

CHANGE OF AIR.—A mountain home; every comfort. Kurrajong heights. A. L. Gillson, Stokesley.

CHANGE of Air.—Apartments vacant at Elm Court. Apply Mrs. G. T. Riley, Elm Court, Moss Vale.

CLIFTON HOUSE, 98, Hunter-street. Superior accommodation for families and gentlemen.

COMFORTABLE furnished front Balcony ROOM, use kitchen, bath, mod. 5a, Florence-ter., Australia-st., N'town.

COMFORTABLE Home and wages for GIRL, 15 or 16 years. Apply 10, Regent-street, Redfern.

COMFORTABLE HOME for one or two gentlemen, private family. 7, North-terrace, Milson's Point.

COMFORTABLE and large Bed and Sitting ROOMS to LET; bath and gas. 260, Liverpool-st., Darlinghurst.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—PETER MURPHY, COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Mittagong.—First-class accommodation for families and travellers, combined with civility and attention. The best brands of ales, wines, and spirits.

DARLINGHURST.—Heidelberg, 203½, Victoria-street N. Vacancy for married couple.

DARLINGHURST, Strathisla. Select Boarding Establishment for families, tourists and gents. 211, Victoria-st.

DARLINGHURST-ROAD (55), opposite Alberto-terrace, Balcony ROOM, every comfort.

FERNDALE, Private Boarding Establishment, Cataract River, near Bull Mountain. Conducted by Mrs. Wm. Brown.

FRONT verandah ROOM, nicely furnished, to LET; suit married couple or 2 ladies. 41, Waterloo-street.

FURNISHED ROOM, without board, vacant. Kenmore House, 102, Hunter-street, one door Macquarie-street.

FURNISHED BEDROOM and Sitting-room adjoining, with folding doors, ground floor, bath, use of gas stove, three minutes from tram; suit married couple, no children. Jno. Rush, Woollahra.

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